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OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## SEVENTY-FIRST CONVENTION

OF THE

# Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE

## DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

HELD IN ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA,

On Tuesday, May 15. Wednesday May 16, Thursday, May 17, and Friday, May 18,  
A. D., 1855.

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OF

## Clergy and Lay Deputies

WHO COMPOSED THIS CONVENTION,  
A. D. 1855.

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### CLERGY.

Rt. Rev. A. Potter, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. George C. Drake,
Rev. Thomas G. Allen,	“ Richard B. Duane,
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“ Samuel Bowman, D.D.	“ George C. Foote,
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“ Levi Bull, D.D.	“ Kingston Goddard,
“ De Witt Clinton Byllesby,	“ James B. Goodwin,
“ John A. Childs,	“ Richard D. Hall,
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“ Jehu C. Clay, D.D.	“ James L. Hildebrand,
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“ William C. Cooley,	“ Marmaduke Hirst,
“ Charles D. Cooper,	“ George P. Hopkins,
“ William H. Cooper,	“ M. A. De W. Howe, D.D.
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“ Thomas J. Davis,	“ John T. Huntington,
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“ Benjamin Dorr, D.D.	“ Norris M. Jones,
“ Jacob M. Douglass,	“ Daniel Kendig,
“ Benjamin J. Douglass,	“ Brian B. Killikelly, D.D.

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| Rev. George Kirke,       | Rev. Joel Rudderow,        |
| “ Cyrus F. Knight,       | “ Theodore S. Rumney,      |
| “ Edmund Leaf,           | “ Peter Russell,           |
| “ E. N. Lightner,        | “ Gardner M. Skinner,      |
| “ Milton C. Lightner,    | “ J. Brinton Smith,        |
| “ Edward Lounsberry,     | “ Richard Smith,           |
| “ John Long,             | “ Henry S. Spackman,       |
| “ Samuel T. Lord,        | “ Nathan Stem,             |
| “ Edward L. Lycett,      | “ Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D. |
| “ T. B. Lyman,           | “ Joseph A. Stone,         |
| “ Milo Mahan,            | “ William Suddards,        |
| “ A. Augustus Marple,    | “ Mortimer R. Talbot,      |
| “ John Gordon Maxwell,   | “ Joseph P. Taylor,        |
| “ Edward Mendenhall,     | “ A. Ten Broeck,           |
| “ John J. McElhenny,     | “ C. West Thomson,         |
| “ G. D. Miles,           | “ George E. Thrall,        |
| “ Daniel S. Miller,      | “ Henry Tullidge,          |
| “ George Mintzer,        | “ Richard S. Trapier,      |
| “ Wm. White Montgomery,  | “ D. A. Tyng,              |
| “ B. Wistar Morris,      | “ Peter Van Pelt,          |
| “ Jacob B. Morss,        | “ E. M. Van Deusen,        |
| “ Henry J. Morton, D. D. | “ Alexander Varian,        |
| “ John K. Murphy,        | “ John A. Vaughan, D. D.   |
| “ Sylvester Nash,        | “ Daniel Washburn,         |
| “ G. W. Natt,            | “ W. E. Webb,              |
| “ Richard Newton, D. D.  | “ C. H. Wheeler,           |
| “ William H. Odenheimer, | “ William White,           |
| “ Frederick Ogilby,      | “ Jno. Williamson,         |
| “ William H. Paddock,    | “ F. S. Wiley,             |
| “ George Lewis Platt,    | “ H. T. Wilcoxon,          |
| “ J. B. Pratt,           | “ J. P. B. Wilmer,         |
| “ Azariah Prior,         | “ J. A. Woodward,          |
| “ Charles W. Quick,      | “ Bird Wilson, D. D.,      |
| “ Samuel Randall,        | “ E. P. Wright,            |
| “ James W. Robins,       | “ T. W. Winchester,        |
| “ John Rodney,           | “ Thomas C. Yarnall.       |
| “ Joshua M. Rodgers,     |                            |



## LIST OF LAY DEPUTIES.

James M. Aertsen,  
 Wm. Alexander,\*  
 James P. Allen,\*  
 Thomas Allibone,\*  
 Lewis R. Ashhurst,\*  
 Frederick R. Backus,  
 Joseph B. Baker,  
 Robert Baldwin,  
 W. P. Beatty,  
 S. E. Bilger,\*  
 John Bilson,\*  
 John Bilson, Jr.,\*  
 Charles Blakiston,\*  
 Geo. R. Blakiston,\*  
 J. Irwin Blakslee,\*  
 Geo. Blight,  
 John Bohlen,  
 James C. Booth,  
 Ebenezer Brewer,\*  
 John Bringhurst,  
 Henry W. Brinton,\*  
 Hill Brinton,  
 Lewis Brinton,  
 John Broadbent,  
 H. Jones Brooke,  
 Geo. Brooke,\*  
 Benj. Brooke,\*  
 Dr. D. J. Bruner,  
 L. Brower,  
 N. B. Browne,\*  
 Charles Burke,\*  
 Cyrus J. Bull,\*  
 James H. Bull,  
 Joseph Cabot,

S. W. Cannell,  
 Thomas M. Charlton,\*  
 Henry G. Church,\*  
 John W. Claghorn,  
 John Clayton,  
 A. G. Coffin,  
 Herman Cope,  
 Harry Conrad,  
 Milton Cartright,\*  
 A. G. Coursault,  
 James B. Cowden,  
 Orlando Crease,  
 John Cresson,  
 John C. Cresson,  
 Wm. P. Cresson,  
 David Cunningham,  
 Geo. F. Curwen,  
 Edmund L. Dana,  
 Samuel N. Davies,  
 Joseph C. Delezenne,  
 Henry Dewees,  
 David Dick,\*  
 Isaac Dilla,  
 John Doherty,  
 John Donat,  
 Wm. W. Downing,\*  
 Wm. Duane,  
 Stephen F. Eagle,  
 Isaac Eckert,\*  
 Henry Edy,  
 Dr. Edward Ellis,\*  
 Wm. Elmslie,  
 Jacob Eshleman,  
 Edward Evans,

Richard Evans,  
 John Fildes,\*  
 Robert J. Fisher,  
 John Flood,  
 George Fox,  
 John G. Freeze,  
 Wm. Fulton,  
 E. Garrigues,  
 John D. George,  
 E. C. Graeff,  
 John Graham,\*  
 Wm. Gray,  
 Edmund Green,  
 J. Greenough,\*  
 Benj. G. Godfrey,\*  
 Joseph Gudykeutz,  
 J. C. Gunn,\*  
 Edward F. Guy,  
 B. F. Hall,  
 Phineas E. Hamm,  
 Thomas C. Hand,  
 E. G. Harrison,  
 Geo. L. Harrison,  
 Hon. A. L. Hayes,  
 Isaac Hazlehurst,\*  
 Geo. Helmuth,  
 F. W. Hemsley,\*  
 James Henderson,\*  
 Thomas G. Henderson,  
 Hopewell Hepburn,  
 Samuel Herman,  
 Charles M. Hill,  
 Marshall Hill,  
 Joseph Hodgson,\*  
 James Hopkins,\*  
 Levi Hook,\*

Joseph J. Huckel,  
 C. M. Husbands,  
 E. T. Hyatt,  
 Joseph R. Ingersoll,\*  
 Tinsley Jeter,  
 B. F. Johnson,  
 J. G. Johnson,\*  
 R. M. Johnson,  
 Wm. P. Johnson,\*  
 Jonathan Jones,  
 J. R. Jones,  
 Dr. J. W. Jones,  
 Roland Jones,\*  
 John Kaler,\*  
 John Kessler, Jr.,  
 Dr. Charles R. King,  
 Francis King,\*  
 Hezekiah King,\*  
 Wm. Kirkham,  
 Dr. Wm. H. Klapp,  
 J. F. Knorr,  
 Dr. John F. Lamb,  
 James R. Lambdin,  
 John Lambert,  
 John Larkin, Jr.,  
 Wm. Larzelere,  
 Dr. J. S. Leech,  
 Wm. Letford,  
 James Levis,  
 D. D. Lewis,  
 Lawrence Lewis,  
 Dr. Samuel Lewis,  
 Charles E. Lex,  
 Newton Lightner,\*  
 David J. Lincoln,\*  
 John S. Littell,

Thomas Loud,  
 E. P. Lutz,  
 John Mather,  
 James H. McBride,  
 G. H. McCabe,  
 James S. McCalla,  
 Wm. McCarty,  
 Dr. James McCrea,  
 John McKay,  
 Benj. F. McDonald,\*  
 Alexander McLeester,  
 Matthew McPaul,  
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 John W. Maynard,  
 John F. Means,\*  
 Elias Mendenhall,  
 J. D. Mendenhall,  
 Wm. M. Meredith,  
 Jacob S. Miller,  
 Anthony Miskey,  
 John Moffit,  
 John C. Montgomery,  
 Thomas H. Montgomery,  
 James Moore,  
 Robert M. Moore,  
 David Morgan,\*  
 Gaius Moss,\*  
 E. W. Mumford,  
 Dr. S. A. Ogier,  
 H. K. B. Ogle,  
 Isaac S. Osterhout,  
 Asa Packer,\*  
 Benj. Parke,  
 John B. Parker,  
 Edward O. Parry,  
 Albert S. Paxon,\*

George W. Pearce,  
 H. S. Pierce,\*  
 George Pennock,\*  
 David Plank,  
 Clayton T. Platt,  
 Frederick W. Porter,  
 Clement R. Potts,  
 Thomas H. Powers,  
 John B. Pugh,\*  
 John N. Purviance,\*  
 Robert Ralston,  
 Abel Reed,  
 Dr. James S. Rich,\*  
 Wm. E. Richards,\*  
 Joseph S. Riley, Jr.,\*  
 J. B. Rhodes,\*  
 Fleming W. Robb,\*  
 Sol. W. Roberts,  
 James Rooks,  
 Harvey Rowland,\*  
 Andrew Russell,  
 Benj. S. Russell,  
 Z. H. Russell,\*  
 Clement S. Rutter,  
 John P. Rutter,  
 R. J. Rutter,  
 Isaac Sansom,  
 Wm. H. Sayre,  
 James W. Schrack,  
 Charles L. Scott,  
 Lucius H. Scott,  
 Wm. B. R. Selby,\*  
 Jacob B. Shannon,\*  
 Dr. S. H. Shannon,  
 Evans Sheeler,  
 Isaac A. Sheppard,

Edward Shippen,  
 Joseph Slack,  
 Henry E. Slaymaker,  
 Aubrey H. Smith,  
 Cornelius S. Smith,  
 Daniel Smith,  
 Frank Smith,  
 James S. Smith,  
 J. R. C. Smith,  
 Levi B. Smith,  
 Dr. Robert K. Smith,  
 R. S. Smith,  
 Antes Snyder,  
 Lewis C. Stair,  
 William Stavely,  
 Robert B. Sterling,\*  
 Cornelius Stevenson,  
 George W. Stewart,\*  
 Samuel Stewart,\*  
 Joseph L. Stichter,  
 Amariah Strickland,  
 Richard S. Stotesbury,\*  
 George M. Stroud,  
 Samuel Swift,  
 Caleb P. Talbot,\*  
 J. G. Thackara,  
 Dr. Samuel Thomas,  
 Thomas Thompson,  
 Andrew Toy,\*  
 Wm. Trainer,\*  
 Theodore Trewendt,

Thomas R. Trimble,\*  
 John Tucker,  
 Samuel Tweedall,  
 John K. Vallance,  
 Joseph Vandegrift,\*  
 B. B. Vincent,  
 Peter Wager, Jr.  
 George G. Wagner,  
 Samuel Wagner,  
 Tobias Wagner,  
 Henry Walley,  
 H. J. Walters,  
 C. L. Ward,\*  
 Fred. Watts,\*  
 Henry M. Watts,  
 Wm. M. Watts,\*  
 Wm. Webb,  
 Arthur Wells,  
 Rees Welsh,  
 Wm. Welsh,  
 Francis Wharton,  
 George M. Wharton,  
 George H. Whitall,\*  
 Isaac Whittier,  
 Benjamin Whittingham,\*  
 Peter Williamson,  
 John R. Wilmer,  
 W. H. Wilson,  
 W. H. Woodward,  
 C. P. Wurtz,\*  
 Ellis Yarnell.

Those whose names are marked thus \* were not present at the Convention.

# LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS APPOINTING

## DELEGATES TO THIS CONVENTION.

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*Allegheny County*.—Trinity church, Pittsburgh. Hopewell Hepburn.

St. Andrew's church, Pittsburgh. Isaac Whittier, Ebenr. Brewer.

Christ church, Alleghany City. Solomon W. Roberts.

St. Paul's church, Pittsburgh. F. R. Brunot, Wm. P. Marshall, D. Holmes.

Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh. Robert B. Sterling.

*Berks County*.—St. Gabriel's church, Morlattan. L. Brower.

Christ church, Reading. Isaac Eckert, Joseph L. Stichter, Wm. A. Richards.

St. Thomas' church, Morgantown. Levi B. Smith, David Plank, Cyus J. Bull.

St. Michael's church, Birdsboro'. George Brooke, Levi Hook, David J. Lincoln.

Christ church, Towanda. Benj. S. Russell, John F. Means, C. L. Ward.

*Bucks County*.—St. James the Greater church, Bristol. Lucius H. Scott, J. D. Mendenhall, Hezekiah King.

St. Luke's church, Newtown. Dr. James S. Rich, George H. Whitall, John Cresson.

Grace church, Hulmeville. Samuel Swift, William Elmslie, E. G. Harrison.

Trinity church, Centreville. William Stavely, Albert S. Paxson, William Alexander.

St. Paul's church, Doylestown. John Kessler, Jr., John B. Pugh, Charles H. Mann.

*Butler County.*—St. Peter's church, Butler. John N. Purviance, John Graham, Samuel Stuart.

*Carbon County.*—St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk. Asa Packer, William H. Sayre, J. Irwin Blakslee.

*Chester County.*—St. Peter's church, Great Valley. John Tucker, Henry Walley.

St. John's church, New London township. Tho. M. Charlton, Joseph Hodgson, Benj. F. McDonald.

St. Mary's church, Warwick township. Evans Sheeler, Jno. Kaler.

St. John's church, Pequea. Thos. G. Henderson, Robert Baldwin, James Hopkins.

St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township. Jonathan Jones, Thomas R. Trimble, Dr. S. A. Ogier.

St. Andrew's church, West Vincent. Amariah Strickland, James Rooks.

St. Mark's church, Honeybrook. Caleb P. Talbot, Rees Welsh.

Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester. Lewis Brinton, James H. Bull, George W. Pearce.

St. James' church, Downingtown. W. H. Wilson, William W. Downing, J. S. Leach, M. D.

St. James' church, West Malboro'. John Bilson, John Bilson, Jr.

*Columbia County.*—St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg. Elias Mendenhall, John G. Freeze, E. P. Lutz.

*Crawford County.*—Christ church, Meadville. David Dick, Henry Gaylord Church, Dr. Edward Ellis.

*Cumberland County.*—St. John's church, Carlisle. Frederick Watt, William M. Watt, John B. Parker.

*Dauphin County.*—St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg. W. P. Beatty, J. R. Jones, Benjamin Parker.

*Delaware County.*—St. Paul's church, Chester. R. M. Johnson, John Larkin, Jr., J. G. Johnson,

St. Martin's church, Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook. Frank Smith, B. F. Johnson, William Trainer.

St. David's church, Newtown township, Radnor. H. J. Brooke, John Mather, Benjamin Brooke.

St. John's church, Concord township. Hill Brinton, Henry W. Brinton, William Gray.

Calvary church, Rockdale. R. S. Smith, John Fildes, J. B. Rhodes.

*Erie County.*—St. Paul's church, Erie. B. B. Vincent, Wm. P. Johnston, Milton Cortright.

*Fayette County.*—St. Peter's church, Uniontown. Daniel Smith.

*Lancaster County.*—St. James' church, Lancaster. A. L. Hayes, Newton Lightner, J. G. Thackara.

Christ church, Leacock. R. J. Rutter, Joseph Slack, B. F. Hall.

All Saints' church, Paradise. Joseph B. Baker, Jacob Eshleman, David Cunningham.

St. Paul's church, Columbia. Dr. D. J. Bruner, Stephen F. Eagle.

St. John's church, Lancaster. Isaac Diller, Peter Wager, Jr., Henry E. Slaymaker.

*Luzerne County.* St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre. Edmund L. Dana, Isaac S. Osterhout, John K. Vallance.

Trinity church, Carbondale. C. P. Wurtz, H. S. Pierce, S. E. Bilger.

*Lycoming County.*—St. James' church, Muncy. Fleming W. Robb, Joseph Gudykeutz, James Henderson.

Christ church, Williamsport. John W. Maynard.

*Mifflin County.*—St. Mark's church, Lewistown. H. J. Walters, George W. Stewart.

*Montgomery County.*—St. James' church, Perkiomen township, Edward Evans, George Pennock.

St. Thomas' church, Whitmarsh township. James McCrea, M. D., Charles Burke, John Donat.

St. John's church, Norristown. John McKay, James W. Shrack, Henry Edy.

Christ church, Pottstown. John P. Rutter, Antes Snyder, Clement R. Potts.

The Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion. George F. Curwen, Isaac Hazlehurst, David Morgan.

*Northumberland County.*—St. Matthew's church, Sunbury.—Wm. McCarty, J. Greenough.

*Philadelphia City and County.*—Christ church, Philadelphia. Wm. M. Meredith, James C. Booth, Henry M. Watts.

St. Peter's church, Philadelphia. Joseph R. Ingersoll, James S. Smith, Lawrence Lewis.

St. Paul's church, Philadelphia. John D. George, Samuel N. Davies, Richard S. Stotesbury.

St. James' church, Philadelphia. G. M. Wharton, Joseph Cabot, Ellis Yarnall.

St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia. C. Stevenson, A. G. Coffin, John Bohlen.

St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia. Tobias Wagner, William Kirkham, Edward Shippen.

Grace church, Philadelphia. Herman Cope, John W. Claghorn, Marshall Hill.

Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia. Lewis R. Ashhurst, Frederick W. Porter, Thomas H. Powers.

Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia. Dr. Samuel Lewis, F. W. Hemsley, C. M. Husbands.

St. Luke's church, Philadelphia. William Welsh, James M. Aertsen, George L. Harrison.

Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia. John C. Cresson, Theodore Trewendt, Thomas C. Hand.

St. Mark's church, Philadelphia. S. W. Cannell, Clayton T. Platt, John R. Wilmer.

Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia. William Duane, W. H. Woodward, Tinsley Jeter.

St. John's church, Northern Liberties. William Letford, Robert M. Moore, William Larzelere.

Advent church, Northern Liberties. Frederick R. Backus, Abel Reed, Anthony Miskey.



St. Matthew's church, Francisville. George M. Stroud, John Lambert, James S. McCalla.

St. Philip's church, Spring Garden. Harry Conrad, William P. Cresson, William Webb.

Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden. Thomas Thompson, Charles E. Lex, Joseph P. Huckel.

Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden. E. T. Hyatt, J. R. C. Smith, Thomas Loud.

St. Jude's church, Spring Garden. E. W. Mumford, Jacob S. Miller, Francis Wharton.

Emmanuel church, Kensington. Isaac A. Sheppard, James H. McBride, Matthew McPaul.

Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond. John Moffit, John Flood, E. C. Graeff.

Zion church, South Penn Township. John Bringhurst, Benj. Whittingham, William Fulton.

Trinity church, Southwark. Peter Williamson, Clement S. Rutter, Dr. William H. Klapp.

Church of the Evangelists, Southwark. A. G. Coursault, Isaac Sansom, Wm. B. R. Selby.

Gloria Dei church, Southwark. Dr. J. W. Jones, Alexander McLeester, Andrew Toy.

All Saints' church, Moyamensing. James Moore, John C. Montgomery, Arthur Wells.

St. Luke's church, Germantown. John S. Littell, Cornelius Stevenson Smith, James R. Lambdin.

Christ church, Germantown. Phineas E. Hamm, Charles L. Scott, Benjamin G. Godfrey.

St. David's church, Manayunk. Samuel Wagner, H. K. B. Ogle, Orlando Crease.

St. James the Less church, North Penn township. Robert Ralston, George Blight, George Helmuth.

Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun. Jacob B. Shannon, John F. Lamb.

Trinity church, Oxford township. Edmund Green, Harvey Rowland.

All Saints' church, Lower Dublin township. Joseph Vandegrift, Henry Dewees, Dr. Charles R. King.

Emmanuel church, Holmesburg. George Fox, George G. Wagner, Francis King.

St. Mark's church, Frankford. John Broadbent, John Clayton, Samuel Tweedale.

St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia. Thomas Allibone, Edward F. Gray, N. B. Browne.

St. James' church, Kingsessing. Aubrey H. Smith, Dr. Robert K. Smith, Dr. Samuel Thomas.

St. Andrew's church, West Philadelphia. George R. Blakiston, Charles Blakiston.

Trinity church, Maylandville. J. F. Knorr, James P. Allen, Joseph S. Riley, Jr.

Church of our Saviour, Moyamensing. Thomas H. Montgomery, James B. Cowden, James Levis.

*Schuylkill County*.—Trinity church, Pottsville. Edward Owen Parry, Andrew Russell, E. Garrigues.

St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven. John Doherty, Charles M. Hill, Dr. S. H. Shannon.

Calvary church, Tamaqua. Roland Jones, G. H. McCabe, D. D. Lewis.

*Wayne County*.—Grace church, Honesdale. Joseph C. Delezenne, Z. H. Russell, J. C. Gunn.

St. John's church, Salem. Gaius Moss, Richard Evans.

*York County*.—St. John's church, York. Robert J. Fisher, Samuel Hermann, George C. Stair.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, }  
Tuesday, May 15th, A. D., 1855, 5 o'clock, P. M. }

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D., L.L.D., Bishop of the Diocese, with several clergymen and lay deputies, attended at St. Andrew's Church.

The Bishop having taken the Chair, the Convention proceeded to organize.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats, prepared by the Bishop, was called over by the Secretary, when the following answered to their names, and took their seats, viz :

Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D., L.L.D.	Rev. Jehu C. Clay, D. D.
Rev. Thomas G. Allen,	" John Coleman, D. D.
" A. B. Atkins,	" Charles D. Cooper,
" Henry H. Bean,	" W. C. Cooley,
" Archibald Beatty,	" Wm. H. Cooper,
" Samuel Bowman, D. D.	" Thomas Crumpton,
" Henry Brown,	" Nathaniel E. Cornwall,
" Levi Bull, D. D.	" E. De Wolf,
" De Witt Clinton Byllesby,	" B. Dorr, D. D.
" John A. Childs,	" Jacob M. Douglass,
" Samuel A. Clark,	" Benjamin J. Douglass,

Rev. George C. Drake,	Rev. Richard Newton, D. D.
“ Richard B. Duane,	“ Frederick Ogilby,
“ Henry W. Ducachet, D. D.	“ Wm. H. Paddock,
“ George A. Durborow,	“ George Lewis Platt,
“ Samuel Durborow,	“ A. Prior,
“ R. C. Evans,	“ Samuel Randall,
“ George G. Field,	“ J. Rodney,
“ B. Franklin,	“ Joel Rudderow,
“ John G. Furey,	“ T. Rumney,
“ Kingston Goddard,	“ Peter Russell,
“ G. Emlen Hare, D. D.	“ J. Brinton Smith,
“ William J. Hilton,	“ Richard Smith,
“ Marmaduke Hirst,	“ Henry S. Spackman,
“ M. A. De Wolfe Howe, D. D.	“ Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D.
“ Edward C. Jones,	“ Joseph A. Stone,
“ D. Kendig,	“ William Suddards,
“ B. Killikelly,	“ C. West Thomson,
“ George Kirke,	“ A. Ten Broeck,
“ Milton C. Lightner,	“ Richard S. Trapier,
“ E. Lounsberry,	“ D. A. Tyng,
“ E. L. Lycett,	“ Peter Van Pelt,
“ John Gordon Maxwell,	“ John A. Vaughan, D. D.
“ Edward Mendenhall,	“ Daniel Washburn,
“ Daniel S. Miller,	“ W. White,
“ George Mintzer,	“ H. T. Wilcoxon,
“ Wm. White Montgomery,	“ F. S. Wiley,
“ B. Wistar Morris,	“ J. P. B. Wilmer,
“ Jacob B. Morss,	“ Thomas C. Yarnall,
“ Henry J. Merton, D. D.	“ J. A. Woodward,
“ G. W. Natt,	“ E. P. Wright:

The following lay deputies presented certificates of their appointment in the form prescribed by Canon, and their names being recorded and called, they answered and took their seats, viz :

James M. Aertsen,	Joseph Cabot,	Orlando Crease,
Frederick B. Backus,	John W. Claghorn,	John C. Cresson,
Joseph B. Baker,	John Clayton,	Edmund L. Dana,
George Blight,	Arthur G. Coffin,	Samuel N. Davies,
John Bohlen,	Harry Conrad,	Joseph C. Delezeune,
Dr. D. J. Bruner,	A. G. Coursault,	Stephen F. Eagle,

Robert J. Fisher,	Charles E. Lex,	R. J. Rutter,
John Flood,	John S. Littell,	Isaac Sansom,
William Fulton,	Thomas Loud,	William H. Sayre,
E. Garrigues,	John W. Maynard,	Charles L. Scott,
John D. George,	Jacob S. Miller,	Evans Sheeler,
Benjamin G. Godfrey,	Anthony Miskey,	Isaac Sheppard,
A. L. Hayes,	John Moffit,	Joseph Slack,
George L. Harrison,	John C. Montgomery,	Daniel Smith,
Charles M. Hill,	Thos. H. Montgomery,	James S. Smith,
Marshall Hill,	Robert M. Moore,	Dr. Robert K. Smith,
Joseph I. Huckel,	E. W. Mumford,	William Stavely,
Tinsley Jeter.	James H. McBride,	Cornelius Stevenson,
Jonathan Jones,	Dr. James A. McCrea,	George M. Stroud,
Dr. John Jones,	Matthew McPaul,	J. G. Thackara,
R. M. Johnson,	H. K. B. Ogle,	John K. Vallance,
John Kessler, Jr.,	Isaac E. Osterhout,	Peter Wager, Jr.,
Dr. Charles R. King,	Edward Owen Parry,	Tobias Wagner,
William Kirkham,	George W. Pearce,	Henry Walley,
Dr. Wm. H. Klapp,	David Plank,	Henry M. Watts,
John F. Lamb,	Frederick W. Porter,	Arthur Wells,
James R. Lambdin,	Clement R. Potts,	William Webb,
John Lambert,	Thomas H. Powers,	William Welsh,
William Larzelere,	Robert Ralston,	Francis Wharton,
J. S. Leech,	Abel Reed,	George M. Wharton,
William Letford,	Solomon W. Roberts,	Isaac Whittier,
James Levis,	Andrew Russell,	Peter Williamson,
Lawrence Lewis,	B. H. Russell,	W. H. Wilson,
Dr. Samuel Lewis,	Clement S. Rutter,	W. H. Woodward.

The Convention then proceeded to choose a Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

The Rev. Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D., was nominated for the office of Secretary ; there being no other nomination, the balloting was dispensed with, and he was thereupon duly elected *viva voce*.

John Clayton, a lay deputy from St. Mark's Church, Frankford, Philadelphia, was then nominated for the office of Assistant Secretary ; and there being no other nomination, he was, in like manner, duly elected Assistant Secretary.

Whereupon the Bishop announced that the Rev. Dr. Stevens had been duly elected Secretary of the Convention, and John Clayton Assistant Secretary.

Rev. Dr. Hare asked a suspension of the Rules of Order for the purpose of presenting a report from the Committee appointed by the last Convention, "On an Order of business for Convention."

The suspension being unanimously granted, Dr. Hare then presented the following report, which was adopted :

15th MAY, 1855.

The Committee to whom it was referred by the Convention of 1854 to report an order of business, respectfully recommend the passage of the following Resolution :

*Resolved*, That the following be hereafter the fifth section of the First Revised Regulation :

5. Order of the business of the Convention.

#### FIRST DAY (TUESDAY).

1. Election of Secretary and Assistant Secretary.
2. Report of unfinished business by the Secretary of the last Convention. Journal 1854 p. 72.
3. Appointment of these Committees, viz., Committee on Charters, Committee on claims of Clergymen to Seats, Committee on claims of Deputies to Seats.
4. Reference of Charters, and of claims to Seats, to the appropriate Committees.
5. Nominations to Offices to be filled by the Convention.—Journal 1849, p. 58.
6. Resolutions fixing the hours for meeting and for adjournment. The House, however, not to be considered as adjourned at any hour fixed by such resolutions, without a motion to this effect put and carried.
7. Resolutions respecting persons to be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

#### SECOND DAY (WEDNESDAY).

1. Divine Service.
2. Bishop's Address.
3. Report of the Committee on Claims of Clergymen to Seats.
4. Report of the Committee on Claims of Deputies to Seats.
5. Elections, agreeably to the Constitution, at 5 o'clock, P. M., any

pending business to be at this time suspended by the Presiding Officer for this purpose. No business at this time to be proceeded with, except such as appertains to said elections.

6. Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

7. Reports of the Treasurers of the Convention Fund, and the Episcopal Fund. Also other Reports conveying information merely, or not likely to give rise to debate.

### THIRD DAY, &c., (THURSDAY, &c.)

1. Call of Names required by Penna. Canons xii. 5.
2. Call of Names required by Revised Regulations 4.
3. Elections not previously completed. Time, 10 o'clock, A. M.
4. Proposed Alterations of the Constitution, Canons, or Revised Regulations.
5. Report of the Committee on Charters.
6. Reports of the Committees not named above.
7. Unfinished business of the previous Convention.
8. Miscellaneous business.

Respectfully submitted,

G. EMLÉN HARE,	} Committee.
G. M. WHARTON,	
CHAS. E. LEX,	

On motion of Rev. S. A. Clark, the Report of the Rev. Dr. Hare was ordered to be printed for the use of the members of the Convention.

The Bishop then appointed the following Committees :

*Committee on Charters.*—Rev. Dr. Howe, Rev. Messrs. Natt and Duane, and Messrs. Maynard, Hayes and S. W. Roberts.

*Committee on Unfinished Business.*—Rev. Messrs. Buchanan, Washburn and Byllesby.

*Committee on Claims of Clergymen to Seats.*—Rev. Messrs. Bean, M. C. Lightner and Cornwall.

*Committee on Claims of Lay Deputies to Seats.*—Messrs. G. M. Wharton, P. Williamson, Staveland and Pearce.

The Bishop having asked a suspension of so much of the second revised regulation as requires the administration of the Holy Communion on the second day of Con-



vention, and having presented the following note to the Convention, which was read by the Secretary, to wit:

At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, acting as a Council of Advice to the Bishop, held the 8th day of May, A. D., 1855, the following minute was unanimously adopted, and the Secretary of the Committee directed to certify the same to the Bishop, viz:

“The Rev. Dr. Vaughan having announced to the Council of Advice that the Bishop of the Diocese desires to impart to the annual season for the meeting of the Convention, a more devotional character, the council resolve to put on record and to communicate to the Bishop their cordial concurrence in this project of their Diocesan, and they respectfully advise their Ecclesiastical father to arrange, and announce to the Convention, such measures as he may deem best suited to carry into effect the views which he has communicated to the Council.”

Attest,

EDWARD OLMSTED,  
Secretary, *pro. tem.*

and having further stated, that it was his intention, in addition to the service usual on Wednesday to have service and the Holy Communion on Thursday, it being Ascension Day, it was, on motion of Rev. Dr. Ducachet, unanimously ordered, that the suspension requested should be granted. The Secretary then moved the adoption of the usual Rules of Order, (vide p. 18 last Journal,) also the following Resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That the House shall hold two sessions every day, viz: from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., and from 5 P. M. to 7 P. M., provided that it shall not meet on Wednesday A. M. until 10 o'clock, and that it shall adjourn on Thursday A. M. at 11, to attend divine service, it being the festival of our Lord's ascension.

*Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church belonging to this Diocese, and not entitled to seats in the Convention; and Clergymen not belonging



to this Diocese ; and Clergymen of the Church of England or of her colonies ; and Students of Divinity of the Episcopal Church, now in this city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, }  
Wednesday, May 16th, 10 A. M. }

The Convention assembled and attended Divine Service. The morning prayer was read by the Rev. Wm. M. Carmichael, D. D., assisted by the Rev. Theo. S. Rumney. The Right Rev. George Upfold, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Indiana, read the Litany.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Samuel Bowman, D. D., from 1 Cor. xiv. 26. The Bishop of the Diocese offering the concluding prayer, and pronouncing the Benediction.

, After service the Convention was called to order.

The roll was then called, and the following Clergy not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats :

Rev. H. B. Bartow,  
" F. W. Beasley,  
" T. J. Davis.  
" Jos. J. Elsegood,  
" A. B. Hard,  
" N. M. Jones,  
" Cyrus F. Knight,  
" Edmund Leaf,

Rev. T. B. Lyman,  
" Geo. D. Miles,  
" John K. Murphy,  
" Geo. W. Natt,  
" Joshua M. Rodgers,  
" Henry Tullidge,  
" Wm. E. Webb,  
" T. W. Winchester,

### And the following Lay Deputies :

James P. Allen,	E. G. Harrison,	Frank Smith,
L. Brower,	B. F. Hall,	Daniel Smith,
John Broadbent,	Samuel Hermann,	Henry E. Slaymaker,
Lewis Brinton,	Joseph Hodgson,	Antes Snyder,
James H. Bull,	R. M. Johnston,	Joseph L. Stichter,
John Cresson,	B. F. Johnson,	S. H. Shannon, M. D.,
George F. Curwen,	Wm. P. Johnson,	George C. Stair,
Henry Dewees,	Chas. R. King, M. D.,	Richard S. Smith,
Isaac Diller,	E. P. Lutz,	Aubrey H. Smith,
John Donat,	John Larkin, Jr.,	Levi B. Smith,
Wm. Duane,	J. D. Mendenhall,	Amariah Strickland,
Jacob Eshleman,	John McKay,	John Tacker,
Wm. Elmslie,	John B. Parker,	Wm. Trainer,
George Fox,	Benjamin S. Russell,	Samuel Tweedell,
John G. Freeze,	James Rooks,	Rees Welsh,
Edmund Green,	John P. Rutter,	George G. Wagner.
		Ellis Yarnall.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address as follows :

### ADDRESS.

BRETHREN :—

Another year having passed since we last met, it becomes *my* duty to report the official acts which I have performed during this time, and also to note some of the more material changes which have taken place in the condition of the Diocese. Since I was first called to the post which I now occupy, a period of ten years has elapsed, and it may not be uninteresting or unprofitable to connect with a retrospect of the year just closed, a brief review of this longer term of service, and to endeavor to derive from its leading incidents some hints for our future guidance.

It is rarely our privilege to open a narrative like this without being compelled to record the departure from this mortal life of one or more of our brethren in the ministry. Already, to most of you, it is known, that the Rev. Robert Davis—for more than a quarter of a century a Presbyterian of this Diocese—has recently been borne

to "the house appointed for all the living." Infirm health had long disqualified him for the more active duties of his profession, and had often clouded the serenity and cheerfulness of his mind. But those who knew him best knew him as a man of kind heart, of active and generous sympathies, of great integrity of purpose, and of devout affections. His intellect, beyond that of most men, was clear and vigorous; and there are not a few who gratefully remember the instruction and the impulse towards a higher life which they derived from his conversation and society. Recurring to the many years during which he went in and out among us, and remembering that the places that have known him so well are to know him no more for ever, we cannot but mingle our regrets with the consolatory hope that our friend, so long an afflicted and solitary man, now rests in the hope of a better resurrection. "The memory of the just is blessed."

In reverting to the names attached to the testimonial of my election, drawn up in May, 1845, I find that out of *seventy-six* clergymen who were then members of the Convention and sharing in its deliberations, *nine* are no longer among the living; and that of the *ninety-three* parishes then represented, *twenty-one* have been deprived by death of one or more of the deputies then present. Such facts constitute a startling call to work while we have time. The mutability of all things connected with the Church Militant, especially in this country, is still further illustrated by the fact, that of the *seventy-six* clergymen just referred to, only *one-half* are now resident in this Diocese, and in more than one instance they have removed in the interim, but have since returned.

#### SUMMARY.\*

During the past year I officiated on two hundred and forty-three occasions, on one hundred and thirty-six of which Confirmation was administered. The whole number of persons *confirmed* is *one thousand two hundred and ninety-four*.

*Six Churches* have been consecrated and *five* corner-stones of churches laid. *Eight candidates* have been ordained *Deacons*, and *Six Deacons* advanced to the *Priesthood*.

I have also preached on about two hundred occasions, baptized fifteen infants and one adult, administered the Holy Communion

\* See Particulars at the close of the Address.

twenty-one times, solemnized five marriages, and officiated at four funerals.

The present number of Candidates for Orders in the Diocese is twenty-five. Of Clergymen of all degrees the number is one hundred and sixty-seven; of Parishes and Congregations nominally one hundred and seventy-two; actually, not more than one hundred and fifty-six.

*During the last ten years* (less four months which elapsed between my election and consecration) I have officiated in public on two thousand two hundred and eighty-four occasions, on one thousand and two of which the rite of Confirmation was administered. The whole number of persons Confirmed during this period is eight thousand six hundred.

I have also, during the same period, consecrated fifty churches, admitted sixty-five candidates to the Diaconate and sixty-one Deacons to the Priesthood, preached seventeen hundred sermons, baptized one hundred and fifty-four infants and adults, and administered the Holy Communion two hundred and nineteen times.

In instituting a comparison between the present and the past condition of the Diocese, we should remember that figures are at best but an imperfect index of its actual state. There may be increase of churches and clergymen, a material addition of worshippers and communicants, and yet the aggregate moral and spiritual power of the Diocese be stationary or even retrograde. I would speak, therefore, with diffidence of any apparent prosperity which we enjoy; yet not without thankfulness that so many signs of increasing activity and zeal can be discerned, both among the Clergy and among the Laity. One of the most cheering facts in our experience is that the advance, during the last ten years, in the number of communicants and Sunday school scholars, and in the amount contributed to benevolent objects, has been greater in proportion, than the increase in the number of parishes and clergymen; thus indicating not merely an expansion of our visible limits, but a substantial addition to the strength and earnestness and liberality of our older congregations. In much larger proportion, too, than formerly, our rural and suburban parishes are coming to be self-supporting, and throughout the Diocese, with a few exceptions, the erections of Parsonages, the separation of parishes which were formerly held jointly by the same

clergyman, and the increase of clerical compensation, indicate progress. The number of our Sunday school scholars is larger than in any of our sister Dioceses. Some provision has been made for the support, at school, of the sons and yet more for that of the daughters of the Clergy. Academies of the highest order have been opened in this city and elsewhere, under the immediate auspices of the Church, in which a large number of the young of both sexes have been educated gratuitously. Hospitals have been founded for the sick, for the aged and infirm, and for orphans; and measures are in progress, especially in this city, to enlarge materially our sphere of operations in this department.

In 1845, the number of clergymen reported as belonging to this Diocese, was 121; in 1855, it is 167. In 1855, the number of parishes reported was 119; but the actual number that had more than a name to live, was less than 100, and of these more than one-half received material assistance from without. In 1855, the number of parishes is ostensibly 172, but actually not more than 156, of which not less than 80 are self-supporting; indicating an increase of 56 in the number of congregations, and of 46 in the number of the clergy. In 1844, the number of communicants reported to the General Convention, as belonging to this Diocese, was 8,865; in 1853, (nine years later) it was 12,600. In 1844, the number of Sunday school scholars reported, was 9,305; in 1853, it was 15,004.

During the ten years just ended, fifty-four churches have been erected and occupied, and seven more are now in progress. Between twenty and thirty churches have also been materially enlarged and improved; twenty-three parsonage houses have been erected or purchased, and I rejoice to add that there are very few places of worship in the Diocese which, during the same period, have not been to some extent renovated and adorned. In the city of Philadelphia alone, eighteen new churches have been built for new congregations, nine have been enlarged, and nearly all repaired and improved.

There is one feature in the operations of the Diocese, during this period, to which we may recur I think with special satisfaction, for it seems to promise the approach of a time when we shall be able to command greatly increased means for church extension. I refer to the reduction, and in a large measure, the entire liquidation of church debts. During the last few years this work has absorbed our re-



sources to an extent much greater than is usually supposed. The sum devoted to this object in the city and county of Philadelphia alone, within the last eight years, cannot have been less than two hundred thousand dollars.\* In every part of the Diocese the same righteous and prudent work has been advancing, and the whole amount remaining unpaid is comparatively small. Its liquidation is an easy task, and once accomplished, we may hope that the means and energy which have been lavished so freely on the ungrateful work of discharging obligations belonging to the past, and in the incurring of which many of us had no part, will be held sacred for the future and rapid extension of the Saviour's Kingdom. What may not be hoped from the next ten years, if the power and liberality thus developed in conjunction with that which has been already given to the work, and in conjunction with much which is still to be quickened into life—if all this shall be addressed under the inspiration of faith and hope to new enterprises?—I am aware that, under the pressure of an imperious and urgent sense of duty, this work may have been pushed forward, in some cases, at a rate which induces temporary exhaustion. But such exhaustion soon recruits itself, while the power that has been developed by faithful and strenuous effort, forms a permanent addition to our resources. It is a hope, to which I have clung fondly during past years, and which I shall not readily relinquish, that those who have done so nobly in liquidating debts which have descended to them, in many cases, as heirlooms from their predecessors, will not be wanting when they are called upon to meet the rapidly increasing wants of this vast city and commonwealth, and to rear new sanctuaries for their children and their children's children.

† The Diocese has a great work before it, and it is one which admits of no delay. So long as this incubus of debt weighed upon many of our largest and most earnest congregations, at once a burden and a reproach, I have been slower in devising and pressing the establishment of new parishes, and the prosecution of new missionary and benevolent enterprises, than would otherwise have become my office and comported with my desires. This impediment is now all but overcome, and the church in Pennsylvania, and especially in

\* During the last ten years nearly \$400,000. have also been paid in Philadelphia on account of new church buildings, parsonages, &c., in the Diocese out of Philadelphia, the amount paid for the same object has been over \$200,000.

† This portion of the Address was delivered as a *Charge* on the following day.

Philadelphia, wants but the will to move forward to a new and blessed career of beneficence. This city has doubled its population and more than doubled its capital in less than fifteen years, and in its growth and abounding prosperity the members of our communion have had their full share. The whole commonwealth is advancing with strides more and more rapid. Multitudes from different lands are thronging towards its mines, manufactories, fields and forests. While their skill and toil enhances our power and fills our coffers, they may well claim that they be not left destitute of the true riches. In our large towns and mining districts there are numbers frightfully large who seem to have none to care for their souls. Schools are opening the intellectual capacities of our people and creating an appetite for mental employment and gratification, which must be fed from the tree whose fruit is for the healing of the nations, or it will sate itself on garbage. The labors of philanthropic men and the authority of law, are likely to stay, in some good degree, the awful flood of intemperance, which has swept so long and so ruthlessly over many homes and through many souls; and minds that have hitherto been besotted by vice and indigence will now, we fondly hope, be open to appeals from the cross and from a sanctified literature. God is also inclining many, who are without, towards our services, and a large proportion of them have property and social influence. In yet greater mercy, He is rousing our people, both lay and clerical, to a new sense of the debt which we owe as a church to the poor and outcast and forsaken, and He is moving us to tremble lest the Divine Presence be withdrawn from a communion to which "the common people" do not press as they did of old to hear the words of Christ, when his name was cast out as evil by scribes, pharisees, and principal men. In an unwonted manner too, He is disposing us to relax the stiffness of our liturgical system when we go abroad in missionary labor; and in almost every conceivable way he seems to say to this church in Pennsylvania, as of old he said to the angel of the church in Philadelphia, "behold I have set before thee an open door." Shall we fail in the wisdom, the courage, the devotion, that become such a crisis? Never was a more golden opportunity held out to us in this commonwealth or in this city, and if we prove wholly unequal to its needs, we may well fear lest the candlestick be removed out of its place.

Two objects have been kept steadily in view, *first*, the consolidation and enlargement of such of our congregations as have been recently established or are still weak ; and *secondly*, the formation of new parishes as opportunities offer. A *third* object is entitled to more consideration than has yet been applied to it. I allude to the care of such scattered members of our flock as cannot be gathered at once into separate congregations, but who need, as they earnestly desire, both for themselves and their children the offices of the church ; and ministrations to whom can be well connected with missionary labors among those who belong to no communion. Such persons are to be found—sheep without a shepherd—in every part of the Diocese. Already services among some of this class, by District or Itinerating Missionaries, have resulted in the establishment of a few new congregations, in the revival of others which were nearly extinct, and in the edification and comfort of many sons and daughters of our communion. It is a department of our work, however, which deserves to be greatly enlarged. I can conceive of few measures more likely to honor God by benefitting men, than a well digested system of *Itinerancy*, which shall cover all Pennsylvania not yet occupied and be administered by men of sound judgment, earnest zeal and indomitable perseverance. It might embrace the care of such feeble and stationary parishes as now engage too large a share of the time and strength of their pastors. Three Presbyters, the Rev. S. T. Lord, the Rev. W. H. Paddock and the Rev. A. Prior, are now acting in this capacity ; the first two in Western, the third in Eastern Pennsylvania.

When we examine what has been done in promoting the stability and comfort of the pastoral relation by increasing salaries, building parsonages, providing Rectors' Libraries, with free scholarships for their children, and an endowment for their families in case of death, the aggregate seems very large ; yet it bears but a moderate proportion to what we need. Here is a field which may well claim our steady and earnest attention. What has been accomplished in it already, demonstrates that nothing but resolute effort and earnest prayer are needed to achieve what remains. In this and every Diocese, however, there are and ever must be, positions which can be occupied only at considerable—sometimes at very great—sacrifice to their incumbents. No one can witness, as I do, the cheerfulness with which refined and educated men and delicate and accomplished



women, submit to the severest personal privations, or draw unceasingly upon their own strength or private means, to eke out an insufficient salary, without being filled with admiration and with gratitude to that God who thus strengthens his servants to give rather than receive, nor without sounding again and again to those whom Providence has blessed with substance the call to remember these brethren and sisters in their heroic struggle against want and discouragement.

In no part of the Diocese is the opening for missionary labor more inviting than in Philadelphia, and in none perhaps do we so much need to redouble our exertions. Here we have wealth, zeal and the requisite capacity to conduct missions on the largest and most effective scale. I will now but express the hope that this too long neglected work will soon be undertaken with a vigor commensurate in some degree with its importance. And in this connection let me suggest whether in erecting new churches it may not be expedient to abandon the plan of multiplying such as are intended only or mainly for the poor. They do not seem to harmonize with our position or our necessities. As churches for the poor, they are apt to be avoided by all who do not expect to remain in that class or who are unwilling to proclaim their indigence. The rich and especially the middle classes shun them of course—so that too generally they languish, badly supported and not well attended. In the house of God, where *His* special presence dwells who is the Maker of them all, rich and poor and those of every class ought, as it seems to me, to meet together. It promotes sympathies which are none too strong or active now; it secures that churches shall be large enough to be ultimately self-supporting, and it opens for the clergy that diversified sphere of labor which is best for their mental and spiritual culture.

The system of *Convocations for the Clergy*, in different districts of the Diocese, was adopted in the hope that it would develop a spirit of co-operation and self-reliance among the churches in such districts—that it would create centres of church enterprise and activity out of which independent Dioceses might, in some cases, ultimately spring and promote sentiments of affection and fraternity generally among our clergy and people. Some of these results have, I think, been secured already, and I cannot but hope that if the

system works itself out steadily and efficiently, all of them will be compassed in time. Some of the Convocations evince increased interest in missions within their own bounds.

In my last address I expressed the opinion that this Diocese ought, at no distant day, to have a *Training College for Ministers of the Gospel and Teachers of Youth*. The rapid growth of our resources and spiritual necessities will contribute each year to demonstrate that such an Institution is a necessity. Our population is one that can be dealt with most successfully by clergymen trained in its midst and sharing in its habits and tastes. Pennsylvania embraces great diversities of people whether we consider their origin or their pursuits. Every kind of employment, whether rural, mining, manufacturing or commercial, has within our bounds, its representatives in large and increasing numbers, and almost every nation of Europe has contributed ingredients towards the great social caldron which is seething around us. But with all these varieties there is still a certain unity of character, and we need candidates for the ministry who can appreciate the latter while they are being trained to adjust themselves to the manifold phases of the former. An education, moreover, which shall fit a man to be a successful and efficient minister in the different spheres afforded by this Diocese would qualify him for almost any position which is likely to present itself in the United States; and it is therefore within our power to deal here with the whole problem of Domestic Missions. The remotest West can hardly present emergencies to a missionary which may not be met with in some part of Pennsylvania, and if in an Institution of our own, we can train men with the force, the tact, the versatility, the genial temper, the unconquerable resolution and self-sacrificing zeal which are needed to win the confidence and allegiance of the people of this Commonwealth, we shall have done much for the solution of a momentous question interesting to every part of our church and of our country. It is a subject for sincere congratulation that the foundation of such a College is likely to be laid at no distant day.

In closing this Address I introduce another subject on which I hoped to have been prepared to express myself with entire distinctness. From the beginning of my Episcopate I have contemplated the *division of this Diocese* as a measure which ought not

to be long delayed. As far as I have had opportunity I have endeavored quietly but steadily to prepare for it, by developing the energies of the remoter districts and rendering them more and more equal to the task of self-support. I have been sensible that more Episcopate as well as more clerical and lay force was desirable, and that the rapid growth of our population and my own advancing age would render a reduction in the size of the Diocese doubly expedient. So far as my own wishes are concerned I could at once propose a line of division which would leave both the Dioceses large enough to occupy all the energies of their incumbents, and I should be willing myself to be assigned, for the remainder of my life, to the charge of either of them. It will cost me severe pangs to part with any of the friends among whom I have gone ministering for the last ten years and at whose hands I have received such unmeasured kindness. But delay would not be likely, at least on my part, to lessen those pangs when at length the time for separation came, and I should hold myself unworthy of my office and of the confidence which you have generously given me if, on such a question, I could be governed by any other consideration than your welfare, the welfare of those you represent and the honor of the Saviour.

Until recently I intended to propose that steps contemplating an early division be taken at once. Circumstances have occurred, however, which render it more than possible, that the contingency contemplated by the Canon which authorizes the election of an Assistant Bishop, may present itself before long, and in that event such an election might be thought to supersede the necessity of an immediate division of the Diocese. I therefore reserve the subject, and in my future course will endeavor to be guided by the indications of Providence, and by the counsel of such friends, medical and otherwise, as may be able best to appreciate the emergencies of the case, as it respects both the Diocese and myself.

Such personal relief as (I am admonished) I imperiously and immediately need, I can obtain in part, and perhaps entirely, by declining all duty which does not pertain directly to my office. I have participated, since I came to this Diocese, in many movements which contemplated the general improvement of society, because I felt that labor of that kind was eminently becoming in a Christian Bishop, and because I hoped that it might, if properly discharged, not only

benefit its more immediate objects, but also exert a benign reflex influence upon our Communion. But such labor I have always regarded as wholly secondary to my proper official work, and I shall not hesitate to withdraw from it in proportion as precarious health, or accumulating Episcopal duty indicates the propriety or necessity of such a course.

Having announced my readiness to co-operate in dividing the Diocese, and my cordial desire to see it consummated soon, I will add some remarks on a subject of more general interest. The reduction of Dioceses to what has been called the primitive standard is, with many, a favorite idea. By the constitution of our American Church, as it now reads, no new Diocese can be formed out of existing Dioceses, if it contain less than eight thousand square miles of territory, or have less than thirty Presbyters canonically resident therein and regularly settled in a parish or congregation. It was proposed in the General Convention of 1850, that both these restrictions should be withdrawn, and that, with the consent of the Bishop and Convention more immediately interested, and that of the General Convention, new Dioceses should be formed without any limitation as to territorial extent or clerical force. At the Convention of 1853, this proposition received the unanimous consent of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, but was non-concurred in by the Bishops, by a vote of 17 to 9. As this action of the Bishops has been made the occasion of reproach—ambitious motives having been freely attributed to them—and as it was on my motion that the vote of non-concurrence was adopted, it may be proper to assign some of the reasons which induced it, and also to develope some of the principles which, in my judgment, ought to govern the future policy of our Church on this important subject. I was myself the more free to move in this matter—on the occasion referred to—because under the law, as it now stands, the Diocese of Pennsylvania might at once be divided into three if not four dioceses, each having the required number of presbyters and square miles. As no relaxation, therefore, of these requirements would be likely to affect my personal position, I felt that I could deal with the subject simply on general principles, and without the obloquy to which some of my brethren, under their different circumstances, might be exposed.

The Resolution of non-concurrence adopted by the Bishops was

in these words:—"Resolved, That this House non-concur in the proposed amendment to the Seventh Article of the Constitution, for the reason that it would not, in their judgment, be wise to dispense with all restrictions as to the number of Presbyters and extent of territory." They followed their non-concurrence with the proposal to the lower House, (through a committee of conference,) to dispense with all territorial restriction, except that not more than one Diocese should be formed in the same city—simply requiring that to entitle a new Diocese to be established it must have a certain number of self-supporting parishes and settled presbyters, (fifteen of each) and must leave not less than thirty self-supporting parishes and twenty presbyters in the parent diocese. That overture was accepted by the House of Deputies, and if ratified at the next General Convention, becomes thenceforth a part of the organic law of our Church. It leaves the matter as open as can well be required, while it secures that no strong Diocese shall set off an insignificant fraction of its territory and churches to be a feeble and sickly body, and provides on the other hand, that any part of an existing Diocese which seeks to become independent, shall give, in its number of clergy and self-sustaining parishes, some pledge that it has within itself the elements of life and growth. Western New York, when formed into a Diocese, had seventy-six clergymen. The Church in each State, it must be remembered, is entitled already, to erect itself into an independent Diocese, and but six parishes and six presbyters are necessary to entitle such diocese to elect its own Bishop. Without the boundaries of States having this small number of parishes and presbyters we must rely, of course, on Missionary and Provisional Bishops; and as our territory expands of late, even faster than our population—it is evident, that for some time to come such Bishops, in common with some of our Diocesans, must labor over large tracts of country, and rely for support either on parishes which they hold as rectors, or on their brethren of older and richer Dioceses. There is here, brethren, a field for our liberality and fraternal co-operation which we shall never, I trust, overlook.

When we come to regulate the sub-division of older dioceses, we encounter questions which deserve thorough discussion, and which will be resolved in different ways, according to the view which



we take of the Episeopal offee, and of the functions proper to it in this country.

In the early ehureh, the jurisdiction of Bishops was naturally eo-extensive with a principal city and its adjacent villages and territory. Its territorial extent, however, was often much greater than is commonly represented. The African Dioceses (according to Bingham) embraced on an average three or four-score towns and villages, besides the principal city. Hippo, the Diocese of St. Augustine, was more than forty miles long, which, if estimated by the time required to traverse it, would be equivalent at present, in most of the older dioceses, to two hundred miles. Carthage is said to have had five hundred clergymen subject in the fourth century to the same Bishop, and Hooker adduces the authority of Chrysostom and Theophilus of Alexandria, to prove that "ample jurisdiction" was the rule rather than the exception.

But to my mind, a more weighty consideration is to be found in the great difference which may be observed between the position of a modern Bishop in a Reformed Communion, and that of the ancient Episcopate. The conception formed, under the Roman Empire, of almost every local authority, was naturally modelled after that which, to a Roman mind, was then the ideal of Executive power—a centralized monarchy. For a long time, Presbyters, instead of being Rectors of independent parishes, were mere assistants or curates of their Bishop, who was Pastor of the principal church in the Diocese. They were attached to the principal or parent church, and served the Bishop both as his council of advice and as his subordinates in preaching and ministering the sacraments and in missionary labor throughout the surrounding villages and districts. I need hardly indicate the vast difference between such a Bishop and one invested with the supervision of an American Diocese, where Episcopalians form a small minority of those who profess and call themselves Christians, and where parishes and their Rectors have not only a certain independent existence, but are, in one respect, the fountains of our legislation, and indeed of all ehureh authority.

Such a Diocesan Episcopacy, being the only one adapted to the habits and genius of our people, is the only one likely to gain a footing among American Protestants. A monarchieal Episcopate

which would transform each Bishop into an Autocrat, his Presbyters into drill-sergeants, and the people into spiritual serfs, is, among the children of the Reformation in this land, simply an impossibility. And we ought, it seems to me, to thank God for it. A Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, who is wise, will be as jealous of the rights of his Clergy and of their people as of his own. He will hold in highest estimation those of his administrative functions which are merely advisory and preventive, and will count it more a pleasure and a privilege to foresee, and by friendly private counsel, avert evil and promote good, than to exercise the lordliest rule over God's heritage.

But, if such are the functions of a Bishop—if, in his cure, each Presbyterian has an independent authority and jurisdiction of his own, the labors that pertained to the Episcopal office, during the first five centuries, have been greatly abridged, and the sphere in which he applies them will admit, in the same proportion, of being geographically enlarged. If he is to strengthen the position and increase the proper influence of the Clergy, he should not be too much among their people, so as to be tempted to supersede them in their proper functions, or to open his ears too readily to the complaints of the discontented. While he will be easy of access, and have a ready "mind and will" for all kindly offices, he will avoid the familiarity that breeds contempt. He will put such an interval between his official visits that the anticipation of them will rouse the slumbering energies of the parish, inciting the Pastor to more than usual zeal and diligence in preaching, both publicly and from house to house, and animating the Laity to greater carefulness for the interests of the Church of God.

And, then, as to the support of the Episcopate: If the efficiency of the office is to be greatly increased in the older states, it must be through arrangements which will leave to a Diocese full freedom to select the best man for its peculiar wants, and to a Bishop full opportunity to devote all his time and energies to the duties proper to his office. Neither of these conditions can be so well attained as when this support is furnished by the Diocese at large, as contradistinguished from any particular parish, on the one hand, and from private sources on the other. If it be a condition of his election that he hold the cure of a large and wealthy parish as the means of

his support, then the exigencies or tastes of that parish, rather than the wants of the Diocese, will have to be consulted, not only in his selection, but also in the disposal of his time and strength. On the same principle he should be the stipendiary of no one portion of his flock to the neglect or exclusion of the rest. If, on the other hand, he is to be sustained out of his own private property, not only will his sense of accountability to his Diocese be impaired, but the preference given to him over other candidates for the office, will run the chance of being governed by the very last consideration which ought to rule in a question touching so closely the dearest interests of Christ's church. There is no danger that wealth shall not be held in sufficiently high estimation in this country, and in our branch of the Christian world. It will bode only evil if it shall ever come to be considered as a necessary qualification for the highest office and honors of a Diocese. Disqualification it surely ought not to be. But all the church's ministers will, as it seems to me, best serve and most honor her when they are examples and patterns of simplicity and frugality in all their habits; and such they can hardly be expected to be if they are preferred before others mainly on the ground of personal affluence.

These few suggestions may render it evident why the Bishops desired to engraft on the Constitution some security that, in the creation of new Dioceses, there should be at least the promise that they shall, at no distant day, be self-supporting as it respects both a certain number of parishes and the Episcopal office. In establishing parishes we consider this a wise provision. Can it be less wise in the formation of new Dioceses out of those now existing?

In our anxious desire to promote the growth and efficiency of our communion, we are apt to anticipate too much from some one untried expedient, instead of laboring to develop all its means of action. Among the fondest visions with which I contemplate the future is the hope that, should a few years more of active labor be vouchsafed to me, they may be subsidiary to a twofold, threefold, or even fourfold division of this Diocese. But a somewhat careful examination of the statistics of our American Church for twenty or thirty years past admonishes me not to expect from such a measure any great and sudden enlargement of our numbers or our capacity for usefulness. The only State in which this course has been taken does not exhibit



during the last twenty years much greater collective growth by our church, in the ratio of the growth of population, than has taken place during the same period in Pennsylvania. The new Diocese set off has enjoyed the active oversight of a Bishop surpassed by few in qualities which illustrate and recommend the Episcopal office, or give effect to Episcopal supervision ; and yet, if we are to judge from the increase of the clergy, we should infer that its progress during the last twelve years, had been behind that of a majority of eastern Dioceses. And when we compare the whole of New York with the whole of Virginia, or of Connecticut, where the policy of Assistant Bishops has prevailed, we find that when the rate at which population has increased is compared with the increase of our clergy, Virginia, from 1834 to 1854, made progress quite equal to that of New York. I refer to these facts neither to recommend the practice of unnecessarily multiplying Assistant Bishops, which I do not approve, nor to disparage the policy of dividing Dioceses, but to indicate that there are other causes, more powerful than a mere increase of the Episcopate, which affect the progress and prosperity of our church. In some states, from the peculiar character of the immigrant population, or from the prevalence of emigration, or from the force of hereditary antipathies, that degree of advancement is impossible, even with the best appliances, which, elsewhere, is accomplished easily. In Pennsylvania, all these causes combine to cripple our exertions, and nothing can overcome them but the earnest co-operation of all orders of clergy and people. That an increase of Episcopal force is expedient and all but necessary, I have already avowed as my conviction ; but experience proves that it does not necessarily produce a corresponding increase in the number and efficiency of the clergy, nor in the zeal and liberality of the laity.—More prayer for an unction from the Holy One—more strenuous effort to glorify God and do good to all men as opportunity offers—more co-operation of laity and clergy in making aggressions on the kingdom of darkness and debasement immediately around them—more special preparation on the part of all and especially on the part of the clergy for the peculiar work which devolves upon us in this age and land—here is the work which it most behooves us to do and to do with our might.

To this work let us address ourselves with one mind and heart.

The grand condition of all beneficent progress, when wrought out through human instruments, is a profound conviction, on the part of those instruments, of their past deficiencies, and a resolute determination, with God's blessing, to amend them. We may well be grateful to the Author of all good for what has been accomplished hitherto in His name, and for His glory. But other feelings than those of self-applause surely become us when we review the past; and if we hope for the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel, other emotions than those of self-confidence should possess our minds as we look forward to the future. If we have great openings and opportunities, so have we great difficulties and discouragements. He who can enable us to remove the one out of the way, if we assail them in a spirit of humble trust in Him, can easily change the other into mere embarrassments and failures, if we move onward in our own strength. May God then fill us more than ever with a sense of our immediate dependence on the succors of His grace. He who is over you in the Lord has little occasion to felicitate himself on the meekness or the trustfulness with which he has toiled at his work. He needs your prayers; he earnestly asks that he may receive them; that for the next decennial period of that work, should he be spared to fulfil it, he may have a double portion of the wisdom, the zeal, and the self-renouncing faith which come only from above. The Clergy, at such a time, may well ask wherein they can be more diligent—more wise in the use of every opportunity—more bold and warm-hearted, and yet more gentle in probing the consciences of all who hear them—more intent, in fine, on every good word and work. And the Laity—has not the time come when we of the Clergy should demand more of their aid in teaching the ignorant, in reclaiming the vicious, in giving personal relief and oversight to the necessitous? Has not the time come when we should admonish them, in all affection, but with all faithfulness—as we have never yet done—that the gold and the silver are the Lord's? And will they not incline their ears and hearts to the word of exhortation? God is crowning, with wonderful success, the enterprises and the industry of many of them. Should not thank-offerings be laid on his altar, bearing some proportion to the munificence of His unmerited gifts? Should we put our trust in uncertain riches when His providence alone can keep us in safety, or fill our hearts with contentment and

gladness? God spared not His own Son when our souls were to be saved and our world redeemed. Should we pass by on the other side when multitudes lie weltering in sin and ignorance, and when a portion of our substance, given in season and with liberal hand, might cause many a scene of spiritual desolation to rejoice and blossom as the rose? "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." O, that God would put it into the hearts of the Laity of this Diocese to resolve, in His strength, on great things for His honor; that, gathered frequently with their Pastors to implore an outpouring of the Divine presence and benediction, they might bring on another day of Pentecostal grace and Pentecostal bountifulness. If we would have God honor us with the gifts of His Spirit, we must honor Him with the offerings of our liberality. We must give, too, as we have opportunity, not waiting till death shall deprive us of the ability to peril our means on the hazards of trade, or to lavish their yearly income on ostentatious self-gratification. One memorable example of Christian munificence which brooked no delay has been given to us by a communicant of this Diocese, during the last year. In the meridian of life, in the full exercise of all his energies, after but a few years of success, he has turned aside to found a charity which will compare honorably with any of our time for forecast, comprehensiveness and liberality. May there be many among us of like mind. May ministers and people, looking to God, who alone can prosper the work of our hands, but who declares to those who devise liberal things, that by liberal things they shall stand—may Bishops, Clergy and people, in His strength and grace, go forth with brave and indomitable hearts to the work that is given them to do.

Wherefore consider with yourselves the end of the ministry towards ye children of God, towards the Spouse and Body of Christ, and see that ye never cease your labor, your care and diligence, until ye have done all that lieth in you, according to your bounden duty, to bring all such as are or shall be committed to your charge unto that agreement in the faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there be no place left among you for error in religion or viciousness of life.

ALONZO POTTER.

The *Churches consecrated* were :

June 23rd, St. Andrew's, Mantua.

August 2nd, Grace Church, Honesdale.

September 24th, St. John's, Lancaster.

November 3rd, Monte Alto Chapel, Franklin county.

December 7th, St. James', Kingsessing.

April 19th, St. Stephen's Wilkesbarre.

The *Corner-stones* laid were :

December 10th, St. Peter's, Trevorton, Northumberland co.

April 7th, St. Mark's, Birmingham, Alleghany co.

September, All Saints', Lower Dublin.

“ Church of the Holy Apostles, Schuylkill co.

The *Ordinations* were :

To the *Diaconate*, (June 9th,) Charles H. Albert.

June 11th, James W. Robins, and (by Bishop Meade,) J. P. Hutcheson.

August 20th, John C. Eccleston.

October 29th, Fayette Durlin.

December 31st, George Alexander Crooke.

April 11th, R. W. Oliver and George A. Latimer.

To the *Priesthood*—(June 4th,) the Rev. A. Christman.

November 3rd, Rev. Edward H. Kennedy.

December 3rd, Rev. J. P. Huntington and Rev. H. A. Coit.

February 14th, Rev. Edward L. Lycett.

April 11th, Rev. J. C. Eccleston.

#### CONFIRMATIONS.

*Alleghany County*.—Pittsburgh, Church of the Epiphany, 17 ; St. Paul's, 6 ; St. James', 18 ; St. Andrew's, 10 ; St. Peter's, 17 ; Trinity Church, 29 ; Christ Church, Alleghany, 13 ; St. Luke's, Chartier's Creek, 4 ; Grace Church, Mount Washington, 9 ; East Liberty, 2.

*Armstrong County*.—Trinity Church, Freeport, 4 ; St. Michael's, Wayne Township, 23 ; St. Paul's, Kittanning, 23 ; from the county, 19, and 1 in private.

*Beaver County*.—Georgetown Church, 2 ; Christ Church, New Brighton, 4.

*Berks County*.—St. Gabriel's, Morlatten, at two confirmations, 13; St. Thomas', Morgantown, 1; Christ Church, Reading, 22; Birdsboro', 5.

*Bucks County*.—Christ Chapel, Oak Grove, 4; St. James', Bristol, 20; Grace Church, Hulmeville, 3; St. Luke's, Newton, 1; St. Paul's, Doylestown, 2.

*Butler County*.—Christ Church, Butler, (1 in private,) 11.

*Carbon County*.—St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk, 1.

*Centre County*.—St. John's, Bellefonte, 4; Trinity Church, Philipsburg, 2.

*Chester County*.—St. John's, New London, 2; St. John's, Pequea, 3; St. Andrew's, West Vincent, 3; St. Peter's, Phoenixville, 12; St. James', Downingtown, 2; Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, 2.

*Clearfield County*.—St. Andrew's, Clearfield, 1.

*Cumberland County*.—St. John's, Carlisle, 12.

*Dauphin County*.—St. Stephen's, Harrisburg, 5.

*Delaware County*.—St. Paul's, Chester, (2 confirmations) 9; St. John's, Concord, 3; Calvary Church, Rockdale, 3; St. David's, Radnor, 4; St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, 26.

*Erie County*.—St. Paul's, Erie, 4.

*Fayette County*.—Christ Church, Brownsville, 4; St. Peter's, Uniontown, 3; Trinity Church, Connelville, 1.

*Franklin County*.—Monte Alto Chapel, 2.

*Huntingdon County*.—St. John's, Huntingdon, (2 confirmations) 4.

*Lancaster County*.—Christ Church, Leacock, 10; All Saints', Paradise, 5; St. James', Lancaster, 19.

*Lawrence County*.—Trinity Church, New Castle, 10.

*Luzerne County*.—St. Luke's, Scranton, 4; St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre, 10.

*Lycoming County*.—St. James', Muncy, 9; Christ Church, Williamsport, 4.



*Mifflin County*.—St. Mark's, Lewistown, 3.

*Montgomery County*.—St. Thomas', Whitemarsh, 18; St. John's Evansburg, 4; Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion, 2; Christ Church, Pottstown, 2.

*Montour County*.—Christ Church, Danville, (1 in private) 6.

*Northampton County*.—Trinity Church, Easton, 2.

*Northumberland County*.—St. Mark's, Northumberland, 3; St. Matthew's, Sunbury, 2; St. Peter's, Trevorton, 6.

*Philadelphia*.—St. Peter's (two in private and two others from Trinity Church) 44; St. Matthew's, Francisville, (two Confirmations) 12; All Saint's, (two Confirmations) 23; St. Philip's, 32; Church of the Mediator, 6; Trinity Church, 15; Church of the Evangelists, (two from other churches) 21; St. Luke's, Germantown, 6; Church of the Atonement, 16; Church of St. James the Less, 11; Church of the Redeemer (one in private) 7; Zion Church, 1; Church of the Messiah, Richmond, 8; Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, 4; Christ Church (two Confirmations), 28; Gloria Dei Church (two in private), 20; St. Thomas (African), 6; St. Mark's, Frankford (two Confirmations), 40; Market St. Mission (two Confirmations), 20; St. Stephen's, 20; Church of the Ascension, 10; St. Mark's (two Confirmations), 24; Church of the Redemption, 13; St. Andrew's, Mantua, 1; Advent Church, 19; Church of the Epiphany (two Confirmations), 47; Calvary Church, 15; St. James', 11; St. Paul's, 18; Christ Church, Germantown, 17; St. David's, Manayunk, 16; St. Andrew's, 28; Church of the Nativity (one in private, and one from Advent Church), 30; Emmanuel Church, Kensington, 16; St. Luke's (two Confirmations), 45; St. John's, Northern Liberties, 11; Grace Church, 30; St. Mary's, 11; St. Jude's, 17; St. James', Kingsessing, 14.

*Schuylkill county*.—Trinity Church, Pottsville, 19; St. James', Schuylkill Haven, 6; St. Paul's, Minersville, 8; Calvary Church, Tamaqua, 6.

*Susquehanna County*.—St. Andrew's, Springville, 1; St. Paul's, Montrose, 3; St. Mark's, New Milford, 1.

*Washington County*.—Trinity Church, Washington, 5.

*Westmoreland County*.—Christ Church, Greensburg, 7.

*York County*.—St. John's, 13.



The following report was then presented and adopted :

The Committee on Claims of Clergymen to Seats beg leave to report that in their opinion the Rev. Mr. George P. Hopkins is entitled to a seat in this Convention, and unanimously recommend that he be admitted thereto.

H. H. BEAN,  
M. LIGHTNER,  
N. E. CORNWALL.

The Rev. Mr. Hopkins appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Dr. Howe, Chairman of the Committee "on the change of names of churches," (vide Jour. '55 p. 53,) made the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred by the last Convention, the question, whether any changes in the names of churches are rendered necessary or expedient, by the extension of the limits of the city, beg leave respectfully to report, that they have had the matter entrusted to them under consideration, and that in their judgment no changes of the kind are rendered either necessary or expedient by the Act of Consolidation. It is true that there are now within the bounds of the incorporated city, several cases in which two or more churches of our communion have names, which as used in common parlance appear to be the same ; but it is believed that in no instance have two churches the same *corporate* name. Each in its character is designated by the city, district, or borough in which, according to the old nomenclature, it is located. Trinity church, Southwark, and Trinity church, Oxford, are in no more danger of being confounded hereafter than they have been heretofore, if one or both of these be called by the title conferred in the charter.

Great inconvenience and trouble, if not legal difficulties would be likely to result, from any attempt to alter the names of established Parish churches. In the tenure of their corporate property, their original names are of course employed, and again in all the conveyances and transfers of pews, tombs, and other individual rights, the same titles have been used. It is obvious that if these were altered in ever so trifling a particular, perplexity and confusion, and perhaps litigation, would in many cases be the issue.

Moreover, there are associations clustering around the various parish churches and every thing which belongs to them, year by year, which are

too precious and sacred to be lightly dealt with. Not only the church but the name of the church in which we have worshipped ever since our childhood, or in which the most solemn and memorable rites of our Holy religion have been ministered to us, becomes dear to the heart, and we would not have every thing about it made strange to the eye or the ear. The conservative influence of our institutions is such that as members of the Episcopal church, we are more tenacious of all things linked with our habits of worship than men of other religious bodies, and they become so enwoven with our devotional feeling and enjoyment, that we cannot unsettle the one without disturbing the other. In respect to this spirit, characteristic of our people, the Houses where we and our Fathers have worshipped, should be permitted to retain their accustomed names, unless there be a paramount reason for changing them.

Again, some consideration is due to the question, what names should be adopted, if any of our churches were constrained to abandon those good old-fashioned church-like titles, which because they are so eligible have become the choice of more than one congregation. Your Committee apprehend that if any Trinity church, Christ church, St. John's, St. Paul's, St. Luke's, St. Peter's or St. Mark's, were made to renounce its name, it might be driven to adopt one of those modern cognomens which may be advocated perhaps on the pretext of necessity, or fancy, but assuredly, we submit, not on the plea of good taste. Indeed, may it not admit of a question whether the reverence of our people for the most sublime and solemn events in the history of our redemption is not liable to be impaired, by the frequent thoughtlessness of such words as "Incarnation, Annunciation, Transfiguration, Crucifixion and Resurrection, for no other purpose than to designate a building whither they propose to go? We must be permitted to express the opinion that any measure which would operate to the increase of such names in the use of our parish churches—alike inconvenient for their length, and awfully mysterious in their import, is not to be entered upon without the gravest and most imperative necessity.

And finally, we beg to suggest that the retention of their full corporate names, by all existing parishes in the consolidated city, will prove in future ages, when its now open fields shall be built over with the abodes of men, a most pleasing memento of the past. Although that which was once the county, is now the city of Philadelphia, and the names of the several late municipalities whereof it is composed have no longer any legal existence, yet convenience and association both require their continued use. And it will be as agreeable to the living, as it will commemorative to the coming generations, to have all these names perpetuated in connection with the sacred places in the several districts which they repre-

sent. Precedent, moreover, is all in favor of the course which we recommend. In the now city of London, which has absorbed in its extension through many centuries one after another the smaller municipalities by which it was once surrounded, the ancient names of corporations are still retained—and the churches of St. Stephen, Wall-brooke, St. George's Bloomsburg, St. Martin's in the Fields, St. Paul's, Covent Garden,—and St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, and St. Barnabas, Pimlico, of later celebrity, are familiar titles in the ears of American churchmen. Already in the neighboring city of New York, though Chelsea and Bloomingdale have no longer an independent corporate existence, yet St. Peter's, Chelsea, and St. Michael's, Bloomingdale, are known as churches by these their original titles. Let us then abide by the names with which we are familiar and thus forefend confusion and difficulty,—avoid transgression of hallowed associations,—protect the churches from any supposed necessity to adopt novel and unseemly titles—retain these pleasing memorials of past civil boundaries, and follow the rule of precedent which has obtained under similar circumstances in our own and in our father land.

Your Committee recommend the adoption by this Convention of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Convention, no change is rendered necessary or expedient in the corporate names of churches in this city, by the recent Act of Consolidation.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. DEWOLFE HOWE,  
FRANCIS WHARTON,  
M. RUSSELL THAYER.

Rev. Dr. Hare moved that the Rev. Mr. Dupuy be admitted to a seat in Convention.

Dr. Stevens moved its reference to the Committee on Claims of Clergymen to seats, which was carried.

On motion, adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

Wednesday, 5 o'clock, P. M.

Convention called to order.

Minutes of the morning Convention were read and approved.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Tyng, the order of the day

requiring the Elections to be held at this time was suspended and the Elections passed over.

The Report of the Standing Committee was then read by the Secretary, as follows :

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, present to the Convention, the following abstract of their proceedings during the past year.

They organized on the 23rd of May, 1854, by the election of the Rev. Dr. Morton, as President, and Mr. E. C. Biddle, as Secretary.

They have signed the required canonical papers on behalf of the Rev. Henry W. Lee, D. D., Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Iowa : of the Rev. Thomas March Clark, D. D., Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Rhode Island : of the Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., Provisional Bishop-elect of the Diocese of New York : and the canonical papers giving their assent to the election of the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., as Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

During the year they have signed testimonials recommending the admission of Henry McKay, A. M. Seip Anderson, M. Wiley, Charles R. Bonnell, Robert W. Oliver, A. M., Robert C. Matlack, Albra Wadleigh, Jr., A. B., and Isaac W. Gougler, as candidates for Holy Orders;—of

Charles Halbott, A. M., James Wiltbank Robins, A. M., J. Theodore Hutcheson, John C. Eccleston, A. M., M. D., Fayette Durlin, George Alexander Crooke, A. M., George A. Latimer, Robert W. Oliver, John William Claxton and John B. Henry, for admission to the Holy Order of Deacons ;—and of

Revs. Edward H. Kennedy, John T. Huntingdon, Henry A. Coit, Edward L. Lycett, John C. Eccleston and Cyrus F. Knight, for admission to the Holy Order of Priests.

The Committee at their meeting on the 23rd of May, 1854, gave their assent that the Church of St. James the Less, should mortgage certain of their property, to secure the repayment of any sum loaned them, to discharge debts and liabilities incurred in the building of a parsonage and hall edifice : on the 11th of October gave their assent to the corporation of St. James' Church, Kingsessing, mortgaging property other than the Church building and lot, to secure the repayment of the sum of \$1500 borrowed to improve the Church building : and on the 8th of May, 1855, to the corporation of Christ Church, Williamsport, to mortgage their parsonage house and lot, to secure the repayment of the sum of \$1200 about to be borrowed to pay the cost of erecting the parsonage.

The Committee elected Mr. Franklin Bacon, Treasurer of the Conven-

tion Fund, in place of Mr. James M. Aertsen, who was elected by the Convention, but declined to accept the appointment: they also elected Mr. Samuel Welsh, a Trustee of the Clergy Daughters' Fund, in place of Mr. George W. Aspinwall, deceased.

The Secretary of the Committee has received and placed on file in accordance with Canon IX. of 1853, §4, the assent of the Rev. George A. Durborow, the Rev. Kingston Goddard and the Rev. Dudley A. Tyng, to the organization of a new parish near the North-east corner of Market and 21st streets, under the pastoral charge of the Rev. E. DeWolfe, Missionary: and also the assent of the Rev. W. Suddards and the Rev. Kingston Goddard, to the organization of the parish of St. Clements in the 10th ward of the city of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Records have made the following additions to their collections during the present Conventional year, viz:

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| 1. Convention Journals for 1854,  |        |
| 2. Journals of the Conventions of other Dioceses, (bound in 2 vols.) each,  | 1 copy |
| 3. Duplicates of some of the above, (unbound,) viz:   |        |
| Vermont,  | 1 "    |
| Massachusetts,  | 2 "    |
| Rhode Island,   | 2 "    |
| Connecticut,  | 2 "    |
| New York,   | 2 "    |
| Western New York,   | 1 "    |
| Delaware,   | 1 "    |
| Maryland,   | 1 "    |
| South Carolina,   | 1 "    |
| Georgia,  | 1 "    |
| Kentucky,   | 1 "    |
| Mississippi,  | 1 "    |
| 4. Proceedings of the 1st Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, | 1 "    |
| 5. The 28th Annual Report of the General Protestant Episcopal S. S. Union,  | 1 "    |

On the 3rd of April, 1855, Mr. Edward C. Biddle resigned from the Committee; the vacancy thus occurring the Committee has not supplied; nor have they permanently appointed a Secretary in his room.

EDWARD OLMSTED, *Secretary p. t.*

Philadelphia, May 16th, 1855.

The Standing Committee herewith present the accounts of the Treas-



urers of the Episcopal and Convention Funds respectively, duly audited and approved.

They report that Hope Church, Mount Hope, Lancaster county, has for three years made no report, nor has any missionary report been made in its behalf.

They present the articles of association of St. Clement's Church, in the city of Philadelphia ; of Calvary Church, East Liberty, Alleghany county; of St. Matthew's Church, Etna, Alleghany county ; and the charter of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh ; with the information that they do not approve of the articles of association of Calvary Church and St. Matthew's, because they are not authenticated by the signatures of the associators.

They also withhold their approval from the charter of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, because of its many variations from the prescribed form and the general usage of the church.

They approve of articles of association of St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia, herewith submitted.

EDWARD OLMSTED, *Secretary p. t.*

Philadelphia, May 16th, 1855.

On motion, the Charters laid before Convention were referred to the Committee on Charters.

The report of the Treasurer of the Convention Fund and the Episcopal Fund, were laid on the table.

Dr. Hare presented the following

#### REPORT :

May 4th, 1855.

The Committee to whom was referred the 4th Revised Regulation, respectfully recommend to the Convention to strike out from the Regulation, all that intervenes between "names" in the fifth line, and "churches" in the seventh line ; and to substitute for the words stricken out, as follows : "of the parishes shall be called over at each Convention for the purpose of ascertaining from the lay deputations, to what sums such collections have amounted in their respective."

In other words, the Committee recommend to the Convention the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That hereafter the Fourth Revised Regulation shall be as follows :

It is enjoined on every settled clergyman within the Diocese, to have a collection made in his church, in each year, in aid of the Convention Fund : at which time a statement shall be made, explaining the objects



to which the fund is applied. The names of the parishes shall be called over at each Convention, for the purpose of ascertaining from the lay deputations, to what sums such collections have amounted in their respective Churches; and mileage shall not be allowed to any clergyman attending the Convention, unless a collection for the said purpose has been made in his church since the preceding Convention.

The money so collected shall be applied to the payment of expenses incurred or authorized by the Convention.

G. EMLÉN HARE, }  
H. W. DUCACHET, } *Committee.*  
JAMES S. SMITH, }

And after reading it gave the required notice of his intention to move to-morrow the abolishment of the present fourth Revised Regulation, and that the above be adopted as a substitute.

The Committee on Claims of Clergymen, &c., made a report, in part, on the case of the Rev. Mr. Dupuy, which, on motion, was recommitted for the purpose of attaining a further statement of the facts in the case.

Rev. Dr. Howe offered the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be, and they are hereby respectfully presented to the Rev. Dr. Bowman, for the very excellent and suggestive sermon delivered by him this morning.

*Resolved*, That a copy be requested for publication.

Rev. Mr. Wilmer, from the Committee on the Increase of Ministers' Salaries, made the following

#### REPORT :

The committee appointed under the resolution of the last Convention, to devise and report measures for increasing the pecuniary support of the clergy, having been requested to continue their deliberations, beg leave to submit the following report :

Your committee held their first meeting immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop in the chair, and resolved to prepare a circular to be addressed to the vestry of each parish in the Diocese. In this circular was proposed a series of questions designed to elicit satisfactory information of the condition of each parish, of the ability and disposition of the congregation to increase the annual stipend of the minister, and contribute to the Minister's Fund of the Diocese. Accompanying this circular, was a Pastoral Address from our Rt. Rev. Bishop,

earnestly entreating the attention of the Church to the movement, and expressing his interest in its success.

The following is a copy of the Document :

"The undersigned begs leave to call attention to the following Circular Letter emanating from the Committee appointed at the late Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, to consider and report what measures ought to be taken to increase the support of the Clergy. The Resolutions which they reported and which were embodied in my late Pastoral Letter were adopted by the Convention, and the Committee was continued in order to co-operate with the Bishop in carrying them into effect. In obedience to their instructions they now, as the organ of the Convention, address the accompanying appeal and questions to the several Vestries of the Diocese ; and I sincerely hope that their communication will be received in the friendly spirit which prompts it, and that it will be answered at your earliest convenience.

ALONZO POTTER.

PHILADELPHIA, July 8th, 1854.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

At the last meeting of our State Convention the following resolution was unanimously adopted :—*Resolved*, As the sense of this Convention, that the fixed salary of a Missionary or Rector of a rural parish or station in this Diocese, if a single man, ought in no case to be less than \$500, and if married, not less than \$750 per annum.

Resolutions were also adopted, charging us with the duty of presenting the subject of the inadequate support of the Clergy to the several congregations of this Diocese. We enter upon the discharge of this duty cheerfully ; for although we know the evil complained of is very great, and most injurious to the spread and vigorous growth of our Church in this Diocese, yet we confidently trust that a proper presentation of the subject will lead to the entire removal of the evil, or very materially lessen it.

An inadequate support can only procure an inefficient ministry, or must eventually cause it to degenerate, owing to the depressing influence of poverty, dependence, or secular employment : therefore the people are the chief sufferers, as an inadequate provision for the spiritual wants of a people is much more serious in its consequences than the sufferings of a minister.

The general prosperity of this State, with the rapid development of its permanent sources of wealth, fastens upon its citizens the responsibility of making a liberal provision for their spiritual wants and those of their neighborhood.

As a parish can rarely reach a high degree of permanent prosperity

unless it is independent, we feel bound to urge upon each Vestry the importance of making the most vigorous efforts to make their church self-supporting at the earliest possible time. We commend to your notice the case of one parish that was about settling into dependence upon a Missionary Society, when by active personal effort pews were rented to well-disposed persons in the neighborhood to such an extent as to give its minister a comfortable support.

This or a similar course will certainly be pursued wherever the advantage or even the dignity of independence is fully appreciated.

If a neighboring parish can be united with one too feeble to give promise of independence, will it not be wiser to make such an arrangement, thus securing half the time of an efficient minister, with lay reading in the interim, than to contend against the deadening influence of relying permanently upon aid from abroad?

We ask your cordial co-operation in this great work. To enable us to fulfil our duty intelligently and efficiently, favor us with an early answer to the following questions with any suggestions that will be useful to us.

Please address your reply to Bishop Potter, Philadelphia.

1st. What salary do you pay to your minister? How is the money obtained—from pew rents, subscriptions, or endowments? Does it include a parsonage or glebe; and has your minister the charge of any other church or station from which he receives a salary?

2d. If your parish does not pay even the lowest named salary, how far can you aid in complying with the recommendation of the Convention by increasing the contribution to your minister this year, and what is the prospect of an annual increase?

3d. If you pay the minimum salary or more, do you contemplate any increase, and how much money can you raise to aid the feebler parishes by contributing to Missions in this Diocese, through a Society, or by direct contributions to the salaries of clergymen in specific stations?"

To these communications we regret to add that answers have been received from only sixteen parishes. Your committee has thus been deprived of the materials on which was placed great reliance to give value and interest to this report. From a careful examination of letters which have been received, the committee are encouraged to believe that the action of the Convention has not been without a salutary effect. In a number of cases the promised salary for the present year is increased. In others, efforts are in progress for erecting parsonages and otherwise providing for the more comfortable accommodation of the minister. A few have cause to deplore the feeble and languishing condition of the church, arising chiefly, we are safe in adding, exclusively from the unsettled and migratory condition of the people. In no instance is any other cause as-

signed for the absence of growth and prosperity; a fact which is not without encouragement. For the loss to one part of the church carries an accession of strength to another, new parishes are multiplied and the church in Pennsylvania is reproducing itself in the distant West.

The Committee, anxious to leave nothing undone to carry into effect the wishes of the Convention, have also communicated with the Trustees of the Advancement Society, also with the Diocesan Missionary Society, asking for their aid and co-operation in obtaining a more adequate support for the Missionaries in their employment. The communication has not been unheeded; at the last meeting of the Board of the Advancement Society, active measures were adopted to increase its resources. Provision was also made for a Committee of the Board to visit each Missionary station of the Society, to ascertain the resources of the Parish, and, so far as possible, to aid in the benevolent and pious work to which the Diocese is pledged by its late action in Convention.

From the Diocesan Missionary Society, no responsive action has been formally announced; but every assurance is given of the earnest desire to co-operate in this effort.

Your Committee cannot conclude this report without calling the attention of the Convention to the fact of the Diocesan system, which in their judgment affords the healthful condition of the Church, as far as that depends on the proper maintenance of the Clergy. Reference is made to the fact, that the duty of reporting to the Convention the condition of each parish is left altogether to the Clergy. From the Parish itself no report is required, and nothing like personal responsibility, collective or individual, is exacted of its members to the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese. Is this right, while each Presbyter and Deacon is held to a rigid accountability to furnish an annual statement of his labors among the people of his charge? The Parishioners are relieved from all obligations to inform the Church of the manner in which they have discharged their obligations to their pastor. Even the payment of their stipulated dues to the Clergy and to the Convention fund, is devolved on the Clergyman to make public—not unfrequently at the peril of detaching himself from a delinquent parish, provoking their displeasure and resentment. Unless the Convention can furnish some reason for a law so partial in its action, and so prejudicial in its consequences, your Committee are inclined to pronounce it an absolute wrong. Each parish is entitled to a fair and liberal representation in the Convention. Why abandon to the Clergyman all the responsibility of committing to record the results of his labor; reserving to themselves the privilege of an obstinate silence, or indolent reserve, as though the Church were properly divided into two classes—the one chosen to assume all the obligation and

to perform all the work, and the other to sit in silent judgment on their labors. The natural result of this concealment is witnessed in the continual defalcation of many parishes in the payment of the minister's salary, which finds no record in the Journal, the minister consenting to suffer in silence rather than to expose the delinquency of his parish. The claim of a Christian Minister for honorable maintenance, is not of the nature of a civil suit. It cannot, without desecration, be embodied in a form for prosecution in a civil court. The greater necessity exists that everything should be done to increase the stringency of the obligation. No plan more effectual and more easy of attainment suggests itself to your Committee than the one here proposed, to make it the duty of each vestry to report annually to the Convention; or in case of failure, to the Bishop of the Diocese at his Episcopal Ministrations, the faithful discharge of the stipulated obligation to their minister and the fulfilment of the Apostolic injunction,

"Let him that is taught in the Word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things, unto him that lacketh in all good things."

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. DUCACHET,  
J. P. B. WILMER,  
J. C. CRESSON,  
WM. WELSH,

*Committee.*

Philadelphia, May 16, 1855.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Ducachet, it was ordered that the Committee on the above be continued.

The Rev. Mr. Spackman offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the vestry of each parish be required to report to the Annual Convention, the discharge of the stipulated obligations to the minister, or in case of failure, the amount of delinquency.

On motion, adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, }  
Thursday Morning, May 17th, 1855. }

Convention was called to order and opened with prayer by the Bishop.

On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday P. M., were read and approved.



The Committee on the Claims of Clergy to seats, &c., made the following report :

The Committee on the Claims of Clergymen to seats in this Convention, beg leave to report : that while it appears from the Journals that Rev. Mr. Dupuy has not held a seat in this Convention since the present Constitution was adopted ; it also appears that Mr. Dupuy has, from that time been in infirm health, which has disabled him from taking charge and performing the regular active duties of a parish ; and that he has once been entitled to a seat in the Convention ; and therefore, the Committee recommend that Mr. Dupuy be admitted to a seat in this Convention under the 3rd *proviso* of the 4th Article of the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. BEAN,  
M. C. LIGHTNER,  
N. E. CORNWALL.

The reports of the Treasurer of the Fund for Disabled Clergymen, and of the Trustees of the Christmas Fund, were laid on the Secretary's table.

On motion, it being near 11 o'clock, the Convention took a recess until after Divine Service.

This being the festival of the Ascension, Divine Service was celebrated. The morning prayer was read by the Rev. N. E. Cornwall and the Rev. E. M. VanDeusen. The Bishop then delivered a charge, after which he conferred the Diaconate on John B. Henry, the Bishop of Indiana and the Rev. Messrs. VanDeusen and Cornwall assisting in the Holy Communion.

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Thursday, 5 P. M.

Convention re-assembled. The recommendation of the Committee on Claims of Clergymen to Seats was adopted. The name of Rev. Mr. Dupuy was called, and he answered and took his seat.

On motion, the order of business, marked No. 1, 3d



day, in the schedule of business (vide page 19), was suspended.

The call of names required by the Fourth Revised Regulation, was made, and the following Clergy by themselves or through their Lay deputies declared that they had complied with the same.

Rev. H. B. Bartow,  
 " Henry H. Bean,  
 " Frederick W. Beasley,  
 " Archibald Beatty,  
 " Samuel Bowman, D. D.  
 " Edward Y. Buchanan,  
 " De Witt Clinton Byllesby,  
 " Samuel A. Clark,  
 " Jehu C. Clay, D. D.  
 " John Coleman, D. D.  
 " Charles D. Cooper,  
 " Wm. H. Cooper,  
 " Nathaniel E. Cornwall,  
 " Thomas Crumpton,  
 " B. Dorr, D. D.  
 " Jacob M. Douglass,  
 " Benjamin J. Douglass,  
 " George C. Drake,  
 " Richard B. Duane,  
 " Henry W. Ducachet, D. D.  
 " George A. Durborow,  
 " Samuel Durborow,  
 " George G. Field,  
 " B. Franklin,  
 " John G. Furey,  
 " Kingston Goddard,  
 " G. Emlen Hare, D. D.  
 " William J. Hilton,  
 " Marmaduke Hirst,  
 " M. A. DeWolfe Howe, D. D.  
 " B. Killikelly,  
 " George Kirke,  
 " Edmund Leaf,

Rev. Milton C. Lightner,  
 " E. Lounsberry,  
 " E. L. Lyçett,  
 " T. B. Lyman,  
 " John Gordon Maxwell,  
 " Edward Mendenhall,  
 " G. D. Miles,  
 " Daniel S. Miller,  
 " George Mintzer,  
 " Wm. White Montgomery,  
 " B. Wistar Morris,  
 " Jacob B. Morss,  
 " Henry J. Morton, D. D.  
 " G. W. Natt,  
 " Richard Newton, D. D.  
 " Wm. H. Odenheimer,  
 " Frederick Ogilby,  
 " George Lewis Platt,  
 " A. Prior,  
 " Samuel Randall,  
 " J. Rodney,  
 " Joel Rudderow,  
 " T. Rumney,  
 " Peter Russell,  
 " J. Brinton Smith,  
 " Richard Smith,  
 " Nathan Stem,  
 " Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D.  
 " Joseph A. Stone,  
 " William Suddards,  
 " A. Ten Broeck,  
 " C. West Thomson,  
 " D. A. Tyng,

Rev. Daniel Washburn,  
 “ W. E. Webb,  
 “ W. White,  
 “ H. T. Wilcoxon,

Rev. F. S. Wiley,  
 “ J. P. B. Wilmer,  
 “ J. A. Woodward,  
 “ E. P. Wright.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Lightner, the resolution offered by him at the last Convention, to wit :

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of this Diocese be altered as follows :

In the 4th article (line 17, p. 10, ed. 1851,) after the words “United States,” and before the words “shall be,” *insert* or otherwise employed in the work of the ministry according to the order of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and with the sanction of the Ecclesiastical authority.”

And which was by the Constitution laid over for final approval to this Convention, was taken up and passed by the following vote by orders :

AYES.

Rev. Thomas G. Allen,  
 “ Henry H. Bean,  
 “ Frederick W. Beasley,  
 “ Archibald Beatty,  
 “ Samuel Bowman, D. D.,  
 “ Henry Brown,  
 “ Levi Bull, D. D.  
 “ John A. Childs,  
 “ Jehu C. Clay, D. D.,  
 “ John Coleman, D. D.,  
 “ William C. Cooley,  
 “ William H. Cooper,  
 “ Thomas Crumpton,  
 “ Erastus De Wolf,  
 “ Jacob M. Douglass,  
 “ George C. Drake,  
 “ Richard B. Duane,  
 “ George A. Durborow,  
 “ Samuel Durborow,  
 “ Joseph J. Elsegood,  
 “ Ress C. Evans,  
 “ George G. Field,  
 “ B. Franklin,

Rev. John G. Furey,  
 “ Kingston Goddard,  
 “ Anson B. Hard,  
 “ G. Emlen Hare, D. D.,  
 “ William J. Hilton,  
 “ Marmaduke Hirst,  
 “ M. A. DeWolfe Howe, D. D.  
 “ Daniel Kendig,  
 “ Brian B. Killikelly,  
 “ Edmund Leaf,  
 “ Milton C. Lightner,  
 “ Edward L. Lycett,  
 “ Milo Mahan,  
 “ Edward Mendenhall,  
 “ G. D. Miles,  
 “ Daniel S. Miller,  
 “ George Mintzer,  
 “ William W. Montgomery,  
 “ Jacob B. Morss,  
 “ Henry J. Morton, D. D.,  
 “ Richard Newton, D. D.,  
 “ Frederick Ogilby,  
 “ Azariah Prior,

## AYES.

Rev. Samuel Randall,  
 " John Rodney,  
 " Joshua M. Rodgers,  
 " Joel Rudderow,  
 " Peter Russell,  
 " T. S. Rumney,  
 " J. Brinton Smith,  
 " Henry S. Spackman,  
 " Nathan Stem,  
 " Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D.,  
 " Joseph A. Stone,  
 " William Suddards,  
 " Anthony Ten Broeck,

Rev. C. West Thomson,  
 " Richard S. Trapier,  
 " D. A. Tyng,  
 " Peter Van Pelt,  
 " John A. Vaughan, D. D.  
 " Daniel Washburn,  
 " William White,  
 " J. P. B. Wilmer,  
 " H. T. Wilcoxon,  
 " T. W. Winchester,  
 " James A. Woodward,  
 " E. P. Wright,  
 " Thomas C. Yarnall.

## NAYS.

Rev. Addison B. Atkins,  
 " Samuel A. Clark,  
 " Charles D. Cooper,  
 " Nathaniel E. Cornwall,  
 " Benjamin Dorr, D. D.,  
 " Benjamin J. Douglass.

Rev. H. W. Ducachet, D. D.  
 " Norris M. Jones,  
 " George Kirke,  
 " Edward Lounsberry,  
 " George L. Platt,  
 " Richard Smith.

## LAITY.

## AYES.

Trinity Church,  
 St. Andrew's,  
 Christ Church,  
 St. Gabriel's,  
 Christ Church,  
 Christ Church,  
 St. Luke's,  
 Grace,  
 Trinity,  
 St. Mark's,  
 St. John's,  
 St. Mary's,  
 St. John's,  
 St. Paul's,  
 St. Stephen's,  
 St. Paul's,

Pittsburgh,  
 Pittsburgh,  
 Alleghany City,  
 Morlattan,  
 Reading,  
 Towanda,  
 Newton  
 Humeville,  
 Centreville,  
 Mauch Chunk,  
 New London Township,  
 Warwick Township,  
 Pequea,  
 Bloomsburg,  
 Harrisburg,  
 Chester,

## AYES.

St. Martin's,  
 St. John's,  
 St. James',  
 All Saint's,  
 St. Paul's,  
 St. Stephen's,  
 Christ Church,  
 St. Mark's,  
 St. James',  
 Church of the Redeemer,  
 St. Matthew's,  
 Christ Church,  
 St. Paul's,  
 St. James',  
 St. Andrew's,  
 Church of the Atonement,  
 St. Mark's,  
 St. John's,  
 St. Matthew's,  
 Church of the Redemption,  
 Emmanuel,  
 Church of the Messiah,  
 Zion church,  
 Trinity church,  
 Church of the Evangelists,  
 Gloria Dei,  
 All Saints',  
 St. James the Less,  
 All Saints',  
 St. Mark's,  
 St. James',  
 Church of our Saviour,  
 Trinity,  
 St. James',  
 Calvary,  
 Grace,  
 St. John's,  
 St. Peter's Church,  
 St. John's,

Marcus Hook,  
 Concord Township,  
 Lancaster,  
 Paradise,  
 Columbia,  
 Wilkesbarre,  
 Williamsport,  
 Lewistown,  
 Perkiomen Township,  
 Lower Merion,  
 Sunbury,  
 Philadelphia,  
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 Northern Liberties,  
 Francisville,  
 Spring Garden,  
 Kensington,  
 Port Richmond,  
 South Penn Township,  
 Southwark,  
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 "  
 Moyamensing,  
 North Penn Township,  
 Lower Dublin Township,  
 Frankford,  
 Kingessing,  
 Moyamensing,  
 Pottsville,  
 Schuylkill Haven,  
 Tamaqua,  
 Honesdale,  
 York,  
 Great Valley,  
 Lancaster.

## NAYS

St. John's,	Norristown,
Christ Church,	Pottstown.
St. Peter's,	Philadelphia,
Church of the Epiphany,	"
St. Luke's,	"
Church of the Mediator,	"
Advent,	Norther Liberties,
St. Philip's,	Spring Garden,
Church of the Nativity,	"
St. Jude's,	"
St. David's,	Manayunk,
Church of the Resurrection,	Rising Sun,
Trinity,	Oxford Township.

## DIVINEN.

St. Sthephen's Church,	Philadelphia,
St. Luke's,	Germantown.

## On motion of Rev. Mr. Lightner,

*Resolved*, That the 6th Canon of this Diocese be altered as follows :  
(vide Journal, 1854, p. 64.)

In the last line of page 23, ed. 1851, immediately after the words "some parish in the Diocese" *insert* "or is otherwise employed in the work of the ministry according to the order of the Protestant Episcopal Church and with the sanction of the ecclesiastical authority."

The Rev. Dr. Hare called up the substitute offered by him yesterday for the present 4th Revised Regulation, and moved its adoption, which was agreed to.

The Committee on unfinished business made the following report :

The Committee on unfinished business respectfully report, that they find the following on the pages of the last Journal :

1st. On page 56, a resolution referring to one on page 57, of the Journal of 1853, proposing a change in the 2nd clause of the Constitution.

2nd. On the 65th and succeeding pages a proposed manual of Laws and Canons for Church vestries.

3rd. On page 74, a resolution proposing a change in Canon VII.

D. WASHBURN,  
DE WITT C. BYLLESBY.

Mr. Wm. Welsh rose to offer a resolution having reference to the subject of the division of the Diocese, or the election of an Assistant Bishop, introduced to the notice of the Convention by the Bishop in his address; when the Bishop, having called to the Chair the Rev. Dr. Bowman, left the chancel.

Mr. George M. Wharton stated that he had prepared a resolution on those points which, when read, Mr. Welsh accepted in lieu of his, and was as follows :

*Resolved*, That the subject of the future division of the Diocese brought to the notice of the Convention, in the charge of the Bishop delivered this morning, be referred to a Committee of four clergymen and five laymen, to be selected from the eastern and western portions of the Diocese to report thereon after consultation with the Bishop, and also to report on the comparative expediency of electing an Assistant Bishop, should circumstances unfortunately render the latter course legal under the existing Canons of the Church.

Mr. Francis Wharton moved to amend this by striking out "eastern and western" and inserting "various." The amendment being accepted, the resolution as amended was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Chairman (Dr. Bowman) was requested to appoint the Committee.

The Chair appointed as the Committee—

Rev. Dr. Vaughan,  
 " " Morton,  
 " T. B. Lyman,  
 " R. B. Duane,

Mr. Wm. Welsh,  
 Judge Fisher,  
 Mr B. H. Russell,  
 Judge Hayes,  
 " Hepburn.

On motion, the Chairman was added to the Committee.



On motion Rev. Mr. Washburn,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on amending the second clause of the Constitution, (see page 57 Journal 1854, and page 56 of 1853) be discharged.

On motion, adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,      }  
Friday Morning, May 18, 1855. }

The Convention was called to order and opened with Prayer by the Bishop.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of Thursday were read and approved.

The names of the following Clergymen entitled to seats under the change of Constitution and Canon made yesterday, were called over, viz :—

Rev. Mr. B. S. Huntington,  
“ “ Van Deusen,  
“ “ Christman,

Rev. Mr. Bonnar,  
“ “ Hildebrandt,  
“ “ Robins.

And Messrs. Van Deusen, Bonnar, Christman, Hildebrandt, Robins and Huntington appeared and took their seats.

The Secretary then called the roll of Clergy absent from last Convention; when several answered the call with satisfactory excuses.

Rev. Dr. Ducachet moved that the next Annual Meeting of the Convention be held in St. Andrew's Church, at the time prescribed by the Constitution, (1st Tuesday in May,) at 5 o'clock, P. M.

Also, that 750 copies of the Journal, and 1,000 copies

of the Sermon of Rev. Dr. Bowman, be ordered to be printed.

And that the travelling and other incidental expenses of the Bishop, during his Episcopal visitations for the ensuing year, be paid out of the Convention Fund.

On motion of Mr. J. C. Cresson,

*Resolved*, That the subject of the publication of a new edition of the Constitution, Canons and Regulations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, be referred to a Committee, with authority to take order, if they can do so without expense to the Convention.

The following Committee was appointed :

Judge Stroud,

John C. Cresson.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Hare was added to the Committee.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Ducachet, it was

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$300 be, and is hereby appropriated towards paying the mileage of Clergymen, members of this Convention, and the Treasurer, is hereby authorized to pay the same *pro rata* according to their actual expenses.

Rev. Mr. Franklin offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Wardens, or a Committee of the Vestry of each Parish, to meet the Bishop on every official visitation, and lay before him a statement of its financial condition, including the promised salary of its Minister, and the arrears, if any.

Mr. Parke offered the following as an amendment, viz:

Strike out all after the word *Resolved*, and insert, "That it shall be the duty of the Vestry of each church in union with this Convention, to make at each Annual Convention, a report, setting forth the amount of salary contracted to be paid to their clergyman, the amount actually paid, together with the amount contributed in aid of the feebler parishes and other church objects.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Tyng, the whole subject was laid on the table

Rev. Dr. Morton, from the Committee appointed on the Bishop's Address, &c., made the following report :

The subject confided to your Committee, has received at two meetings, such consideration as the brief time has allowed, and they have conferred with the Bishop upon the same. They believe that a division of the present Diocese into two or more Dioceses, will at no distant day be demanded ; yet, from the great importance of the whole question, and the want of a proper knowledge of the sentiments of the clergy and the parishes generally throughout the Diocese, your Committee are not prepared to report *definitely* at the present time, and therefore propose the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Committee to whom was committed that portion of the Bishop's Address, alluding to the prospective division of the Diocese, or the appointment of an Assistant Bishop, be continued, and that they report at the next stated Convention, or previously at a special Convention, if such Convention be called.

In behalf of the Committee,

H. J. MORTON,

*Chairman.*

The Rev. Dr. Howe, from the Committee on Charters, made the following report :

The Committee on Charters hereby respectfully report, that they have had laid before them the Charters or Articles of Association of the four following named churches, to wit : St. Clement's church, in the city of Philadelphia ; St. Mathew's church, Etna, Alleghany county, Pennsylvania ; Calvary church, East Liberty, Alleghany county, Pennsylvania ; and of St. Peter's church, Pittsburgh.

In regard to the Articles of Association of St. Clement's church, Philadelphia, the Committee report that they are drawn in strict conformity with the form prescribed by the Convention, and they therefore recommend the admission of that church into union with this Convention.

The form of charter of Calvary church, Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, is also in entire conformity with the form aforesaid. The document before us, being "the original Articles of Association," does not, in the judgment of your Committee, require the authentication contemplated in the 1st Section of the XIII. Canon, which authentication, in their judgment, is demanded only, when the document laid before Convention purports to be a copy of the charter when the church has been incorporated, and is to be made by the proper civil authority. That the document be,

fore us is the original Articles of Association, and that the doings therein specified, have taken place is attested by the signature of the Rector, and are duly set forth in the instrument. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that Calvary church, Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, be admitted into union with this Convention.

In the case of St. Matthew's church, Etna, Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, your Committee report the facts are as in the case immediately preceding, except that in the 8th Article, it is said that the *seven* following named persons to be church Wardens and Vestrymen, to continue, &c., whereas, but *six* names are appended. Your Committee, therefore, decline to recommend the admission of St. Matthew's church, Etna.

In the case of St. Peter's church, Pittsburgh, your Committee report, that the document committed to us is a copy of the original charter, (the church having been incorporated,) duly authenticated under the official seal of the Recorder of Alleghany county,—that there are in it many variations from the form recommended by the Convention, more or less important.

These discrepancies may be divided into three classes, to wit : Such as appear to be merely clerical ; such as consist in difference of expression, without material change of sense ; and finally, such as embody distinct features, variant from or opposed to the provisions set forth in the prescribed form.

Of the first class we may remark, that inasmuch as this is a certified copy of the original charter declared to be "true and correct," under the hand and seal of the Recorder of Alleghany county, it is perhaps inadmissible, that we should account any to be clerical errors which convey intelligible thought, variant from the terms of the usual formality. Such, however, we have been willing to reckon the word "*reversions*" in the expression, "The rents and reversions of the corporation" in the beginning of the Seventh Article of their charter, which is substituted for the word "*revenues*," as given in the form recommended by Convention. Such also we have accounted the word "*Rector*" in the same article, which, from its context we infer stands in the stead of "Parsonage," as used in the third Article of the prescribed form. We must suppose that there is also a clerical error in the following expression, contained in the same seventh Article, "to the payment of principal and interest on the Bond and Mortgage, the payment whereof is hereafter provided for, and also to such other eleemosynary church institutions," &c. Other apparently clerical errors of minor consequence we need not note.

Pass we to the second class of variations, such as consist in difference of expression, without material change of sense.

In their fourth Article, which provides for the election of Wardens and

Vestrymen, and answers in the subject matter of it to the fifth in the prescribed form, it is ordained that persons to be eligible shall be "members of this corporation," instead of "the said church," the phrase recommended by Convention. Moreover, there is introduced into that Article, what is nowhere found in the prescribed form, a rule determining what number shall constitute a quorum of the Vestry.

In their fifth Article, it is provided that the Rector "shall be elected by the Vestry," instead of as in the same Article of the regular form, "by the church-Wardens and Vestry-men." In the same fifth Article of their charter, it is provided that no person shall in any way officiate as a minister in the said church, unless he shall have had Episcopal ordination &c. The restriction imposed in the prescribed form (see the 6th Article,) is, no person shall be the Rector or Assistant Minister of this church, unless &c. In their sixth Article, it is provided that the Vestry and Rector shall respectively choose a Warden, the one called Junior and the other Senior church-Warden, names unknown in our formulary, and it is further provided with a strictness which may be proper, but not enjoined in the form, "both of whom shall be communicants."

In their 8th Article, which restricts the corporation in the matter of alienating or encumbering the church property;—a subject which is treated of in the 4th Article of the prescript form, they have omitted to use the words "tenements or hereditaments."

These may, some or all of them, be deemed unimportant variations.—Individuals may look upon them as improvements. Your Committee have felt it their duty to note them for the observation of this body, offering only the remark, that if they are unimportant, conveying no material change of import, they seem to have been an unnecessary departure from the form recommended,—and that, if they do contain variations which the corporation esteem of any considerable moment, they ought to be well considered by the Convention before they receive its sanction.

We proceed to the third class of discrepancies—to wit, such as embody distinct features variant from or opposed to the provisions set forth in the prescribed form.

In the first Article of their Charter, it is provided, that the Corporation shall consist of all the "white male pewholders of said church over twenty one years of age." In this sentence is contained a disfranchisement of every female and of every colored person who may be a pewholder. It is for this Convention to decide whether it will give its sanction to a parochial organization which involves, so far as it can, the separation of races in the Church of Christ into distinct congregations.—Moreover, is this Convention prepared to lend the weight of its authority to the principle, that proprietors of either sex, who as such are sub-



ject to taxation in a church, shall have no part in the ordering of its affairs?

Again, in the second Article of their Charter, it is duly provided, that no person who shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the authority of the Church in Pennsylvania, or in the United States, shall become or continue to be a member of the corporation, or be capable of holding any function, or office in, concerning or connected with the said church,—but it is not provided, as it is, perhaps “*ex abundanti cautela*” in the prescribed form that no such person “shall *vote* in the election of Vestrymen.”

The third Article in their Charter seems to your Committee to be entirely novel, not even in proximate conformity to any Article or Section of the prescribed form. It is in these words, “the temporal affairs of this said corporation, shall be managed and directed by a Rector and Vestry, to be chosen and constituted as hereinafter provided for.”—Whether these “temporal affairs” embrace anything else than the financial concerns of the parish, which are provided for in every particular (esteemed of sufficient importance by the Convention to be noticed in the form of Constitution which it has set forth,) in other Articles of their Charter, your Committee are unable to determine. We submit, therefore, whether it be not either superfluous, or significant of something not expressed, which the Convention might not deem suitable to be contemplated in a Charter that is to have their approbation.

In their fourth Article, which sets forth the qualifications of voters at elections, it is allowed that one shall vote who “has paid for a *pew* in said church for *one* year, &c.,” in the form prescribed, the phrase is, “paid *two successive years*, &c., for a *pew*, or *sitting* in the said church.”

In their seventh Article it is provided, that the rents, and reversions [revenues?] of this corporation shall, under the direction of the Rector and Vestry, be applied, &c. This is a feature not found in the prescribed form, and takes the disposal of the rental, &c., under all circumstances out of the hands of the corporation at large. Moreover, in this same Article it is provided, that the rents and reversions aforesaid, may be applied “to the payment of principal and interest on the bond and mortgage,” an object not recognized in the prescribed form, nor usually provided for, it is believed, from such sources. It is provided in the eighth Article, after restraining the corporation from charges or encumbering any lands, &c., as prescribed in the form set forth by Convention, that special license be given to execute bonds and mortgage therefor on the present church edifice and the land on which it is erected, which seems to render nugatory the rule adopted.

In the sixth Article, it is provided, that “during a vacancy in the



Rectorship, the Vestry shall have the same powers and authorities as are hereby (to wit, by the Charter,) vested in the Rector and Vestry," a much larger liberty than is given in the prescribed form. See Article 7th.

And finally, in the tenth Article, wherein provision is made for the alteration of the Constitution, no recourse to this Convention for its approval is required, however radical the changes may be. Of how absolute authority the form set forth by Convention was intended to be, does not fully appear to your Committee. It is found in the Appendix to a pamphlet containing the Constitution, Canons and Revised Regulations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, published under the order of the Convention of the Diocese in 1851, and is referred to in the 5th Revised Regulation, as the form "recommended." By this we would incline to understand that it was the wish of Convention to secure, as far as possible, *uniformity of expression* in these documents, that the principles of organization which are embodied in this form are indispensable, and that it was intended to exclude the incorporation of any other principles, and especially of any inconsistent ones in Articles of Association, or Charters, claiming the approval of this House.

In consideration, then, of the manifold variations in language and import from the prescribed form, above specified; of the fact that the Charter was not (as recommended in the 5th Revised Regulation;) "before application to the judges, laid before the Bishop and Standing Committee for their examination and approbation," and of the further fact, that the Charter subsequently submitted to those functionaries has been disapproved by them respectively, your Committee find themselves unable to recommend the admission of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, into union with this Convention.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia, and Calvary Church, East Liberty, Alleghany county, be and they are hereby admitted into union with this Convention.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee,

M. A. DE WOLFE HOWE, *Chairman*.

Philadelphia, May 17th, 1855.

To this document was appended a paper containing the objections of the Bishop, which was read by the Chairman of the Committee, as follows:

The undersigned withholds his approbation from the charter of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh; partly for the reasons assigned by the Standing Committee, but mainly because it disfranchises by the fundamental

law of the Corporation, a certain class of Christians, for a cause which involves on their part no criminality.

1. This provision in a *Charter*, now it is believed, introduced in this Church for the first time, is more exceptionable than it would be as a *By-Law*, in proportion as it argues a more deliberate purpose, and is more difficult of alteration.

2. For a Christian Bishop to give his approbation to such a provision, would be to give the whole weight of his office to a prejudice which is already too powerful, and which is believed to be unjust and cruel, and to tend directly to the further depression of a class already degraded and wronged.

3. For a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church to do it, would be to lend the influence of his office towards alienating from our Communion the affections and confidence of this large class of persons. It would contribute further to the separation of these persons (if they remain connected with our Church,) into separate congregations, a policy which, in the opinion of the undersigned, has been carried too far already.

4. For the undersigned to give his approbation to such a provision excluding this class of Christians from any concern in the government and legislation of the Church, would be to act in direct contradiction to his own recorded judgment, and that of a large majority of the Clergy of this Diocese, as expressed at the last Annual Convention, in the action on the petition of St. Thomas' African Church, asking for a repeal of the 8th Revised Regulation.

5. While much evil would (it is believed) result from retaining this provision of the Charter, no probable, or even possible evil can be foreseen as ensuing from its being withdrawn.

6. The consent of the Courts to such withdrawal (it is presumed) could be obtained without difficulty.

7. It is recommended by this Convention, (see V. of Revised Regulations,) in order that Charters may conform to the essential principles of the Church as regards doctrine, discipline and worship, that they shall, *before application to the judges*, be laid before the Bishop and Standing Committee for their examination and approbation. In this case that recommendation was not complied with.

8. One year since, the undersigned advertised the Rector of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, of his deep repugnance to the imposition of such tests in the Church of Christ, and of the practical difficulty which must, in his judgment, be encountered in applying them.

ALONZO POTTER,

*Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.*

Philadelphia, May 16, 1855.

On motion, St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia, and Calvary Church, East Liberty, Alleghany County, were admitted into union with this Convention.

On motion, Rev. N. E. Cornwall, Mr. Geo. M. Wharton and Judge Stroud were added to the Committee on the Bishop's charge.

The Rev. S. Durborow offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Rectors of the respective parishes in the Diocese, be hereby requested to furnish, so far as practicable, the Bishop an annual list of the names and residences of those of their parishioners who may have removed to, and settled in, places distant from Episcopal services, within the bounds of this Diocese.

On motion, the whole subject was laid on the table.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Van Deusen,

*Resolved*, That St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, be admitted into union with this Convention.

Mr. George M. Wharton offered the following amendment, which was accepted by the mover :

*Provided*, That the said Church shall, within six months, present to the Bishop and Standing Committee satisfactory evidence that the word "white" has been erased from the Charter, by due course of law ; and also, that the language of the said Charter be made to conform exactly to the words of the 6th Article of the recommended Charter of Incorporation.

The vote by orders was called for on this Resolution, and resulted as follows :

#### CLERGY.

##### AYES.

Rev. Jehu C. Clay, D. D.  
" B. Franklin.

Rev. Marmaduke Hirst.  
" James L. Hildebrandt.

## AYES.

Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, D. D.  
 " T. B. Lyman.  
 " Milton C. Lightner.  
 " W. W. Montgomery.  
 " Henry J. Morton, D. D.  
 " Frederick Ogilby.  
 " John Rodney.  
 Ayes 19.

Rev. Richard Smith.  
 " Henry S. Spackman.  
 " Joseph A. Stone.  
 " E. M. Van Deusen.  
 " Peter Van Pelt.  
 " John A. Vaughan, D. D.  
 " William White.  
 " J. P. B. Wilmer.

## NAYS.

Rev. Thomas G. Allen.  
 " A. Butler Atkins.  
 " H. B. Bartow,  
 " Frederick W. Beasley.  
 " Archibald Beatty.  
 " Samuel Bowman, D. D.  
 " Henry Brown.  
 " Levi Bull, D. D.  
 " De Witt Clinton Byllesby.  
 " John A. Childs.  
 " Aaron Christman.  
 " Samuel A. Clark.  
 " John Coleman, D. D.  
 " William C. Cooley.  
 " Charles D. Cooper.  
 " Nathaniel E. Cornwall.  
 " Thomas Crumpton.  
 " Erastus DeWolf.  
 " Benjamin Dorr, D. D.  
 " Jacob M. Douglass.  
 " Benjamin J. Douglass.  
 " Richard B. Duane.  
 " Henry W. Ducachet, D. D.  
 " C. M. Dupuy.  
 " George A. Durborow.  
 " Samuel Durborow.  
 " Joseph J. Elsegood.  
 " George G. Field.  
 " John G. Furey.  
 " Kingston Goddard.  
 " G. Emlen Hare, D. D.

Rev. Wm. J. Hilton.  
 " George P. Hopkins.  
 " M. A. DeWolfe Howe, D. D.  
 " George Kirke.  
 " Edmund Leaf.  
 " Edward Lounsbery.  
 " B. S. Huntington.  
 " John G. Maxwell.  
 " Edward Mendenhall.  
 " George D. Miles.  
 " Daniel S. Miller.  
 " George Mintzer.  
 " B. Wistar Morris.  
 " G. W. Natt.  
 " Richard Newton, D. D.  
 " George L. Platt.  
 " Azariah Prior.  
 " Samuel Randall.  
 " James W. Robins.  
 " Joshua M. Rodgers.  
 " T. S. Rumney.  
 " Joel Rudderow.  
 " Peter Russell.  
 " J. Brinton Smith.  
 " Nathan Stem.  
 " Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D.  
 " William Suddards.  
 " A. Ten Brœck.  
 " C. West Thomson.  
 " Henry Tullidge.  
 " Richard S. Trapier.

## NAYS.

Rev. Dudley A. Tyng.  
 “ Daniel Washburn.  
 “ W. E. Webb..  
 Nays 69.

Rev. H. F. Wilcoxon.  
 “ E. P. Wright.  
 “ T. W. Winchester.  
 “ Thomas C. Yarnall.

A majority of both orders being required for the passage of the Resolution, the voting of the Lay Deputies was, on motion, dispensed with, and the Resolution was declared to be lost.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Ducachet, it was

*Resolved*, That after reading the rough minutes, and the usual devotional exercises, the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

The rough minutes were then read and approved, and after singing the 107th selection of Psalms, and prayer by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.





# PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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Report of the Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Philadelphia.

Up to this date, in *preaching, lecturing, &c.*, I have officiated on 229 occasions. I have officiated or assisted in the services of the Church, when I have not lectured or preached, on 5 occasions. I have administered or assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper on 8 occasions. I have baptized 50 persons. I have married 32 couples. I have officiated on 52 funeral occasions.

During the year up to March 12th, my pastoral visits have been 600—of that number 588 to the sick and afflicted; also I have conversed and prayed with individuals in my house on 177 occasions.

I have distributed a few Bibles, New Testaments and Prayer Books, and 43,098 pages of Tracts, in which is included 13,848 pages of the Tract, "Morning and Evening Prayers for Children and Youth," &c. I have also been instrumental in circulating 33 volumes on experimental and practical religion, and 7681 parts of religious publications, at a low price or gratuitously.

My monthly appointments at the Widow's Asylum, also my weekly appointments in the Magdalen Asylum, and at my house, are continued. For more than a year I have had a monthly appointment in the Seamen's Home. On other occasions I have officiated during the week and on the Lord's day, in the city and county of Philadelphia, or in other places more or less remote, as the Lord in His providence has directed. I have generally been enabled to preach or lecture four or five times each week.

My poor's purse, &c., has been the means of imparting relief to the

poor and afflicted during the past year, on 201 occasions more than the previous year. When I impart pecuniary aid for the body, I endeavor to accompany the gift with the truth of the Gospel, in connection with prayer.

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Report of the Rev. A. B. Atkins, Rector of Christ Church, Germantown, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families between 70 and 80 ; baptisms, adults 6, infants 9, total 15 ; confirmed 17 ; communicants 103 ; marriage 1 ; burial 1 ; public services, on Sundays 79, other days 55, total 134 ; children catechized 7 times ; Sunday schools, teachers, male 9, female 14, total 23 ; pupils, male 86, female 101, total 187 ; infant teacher 1, pupils 61 ; Bible class 1, teacher 1, members 12 ; collections, Diocesan Missionary Society \$50, weekly and monthly collections for defraying church expenses \$421 67, for Sunday school library \$218, special collection for furnishing lecture room \$117 34, communion alms \$98 25, Domestic Missions \$150, For. Missions \$20, Sunday school offerings for Foreign Missions \$72, for general charities \$30 40, total \$1177 66. Present salary of the Rector, \$1200, no arrears.

The above report dates only from last July, the time when I entered upon my duties as the first Rector of this new and interesting parish. We are at present worshipping in the lecture room. The number of parishioners, families, &c., cannot be very accurately ascertained. Our system of collections has not yet been arranged and consequently, we have contributed to but few of the general church objects. The collections reported, are entirely exclusive of all monies contributed towards the church edifice, purchase of organ, rector's salary, &c.

Our congregations have been large, and we feel as though God's hand had been over us for good.

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Report of the Rev. Henry B. Bartow, Rector of St. James' Church, Bristol, Bucks County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 83, adults 170, children 92, total 262 ; baptisms, adults 7, infants 8, total 15 ; confirmed 20 ; communicants, added 29, died or removed 10, present number 117 ; marriages 2 ; burials 4 ; public services, Sundays 98, other 35, total 133 ; children catechized 5 times ; Sunday school, male and female 1, teachers 12, pupils 118 ; infant school 1, teacher 1, pupils 35, total, teachers 13, pupils 153 ; Bible class 1, members 9, teacher 1 ; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Diocesan Fund \$42, Sunday school missionary offering \$43, Missionary and other purposes \$153 28, total \$243 28.

Statistics of parish.—See Journal 1849, pp. 51-2, viz :

Property other than church building and lecture room none ; amount of indebtedness none ; salary of the Rector \$600 ; arrears of salary none.

REMARKS.—This parish was vacant five months of the past year, from the resignation of the former Rector at Easter, 1854, until the following September, when the present Rector took charge of it. This report relates (chiefly) to the state of affairs in the parish under the latter, up to this date, a period of eight months. He would not omit a grateful acknowledgment of the Divine blessing bestowed upon the short season of labor, in the accessions to the church, such, he trusts, “ as shall be saved.”

He is pleased also to add, that a zeal is waking up, not only in the attendance at Divine worship and religious objects generally, but also for the erection of a new church and parsonage, one or both of which commendable enterprises, it is hoped, will, before the next Annual Convention, be in full operation.

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Report of the Rev. F. W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 18, total 19 ; confirmed at the Chapel 4 ; communicants, added 13, died 1, present number 67 ; marriages 9 ; Sunday Schools 2, one at All Saints', one at Oak Grove ; public services, on Sunday, every morning at All Saints', every afternoon at Oak Grove ; other services have been held in the Chapel, and in the Sunday School room beneath it. I have also held services in the houses of some of my parishioners. During Lent we had service once each week at All Saints'.

Collections, Episcopal Fund \$33 63 ; Convention Fund in June for the year 1854-5 \$16 85 ; for the same object in March \$11 59 ; for Fund for building Churches \$27 ; for the poor of the city of Philadelphia \$25 61 ; Episcopal Hospital \$19 11 ; Fund for Disabled Clergymen \$36 40 ; for All Saints' Sunday School and Parochial Library \$56 58 ; for Diocesan Missions \$21 ; Foreign Missions \$40 58 ; Domestic Missions \$35 30.

Our new Parish Church has been erected, and is soon to be consecrated. The collections made during the year for this object, and for the erection of a new house for the Sexton, have amounted to \$5766 85. We have also received a present of a Bell, and of an Organ, of a carpet for the Chancel, of Books for the Reading Desk, of a Stone Font, of cushions for the Pulpit, Desk, &c., of two Linen Cloths

for the Communion Table, of two Silver Basins for alms at the Offertory.

Collections for current expenses of the Chapel, made at Oak Grove, \$94 31; total amount of collections in the parish \$6184 81.

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Report of the Rev. A. Beatty, Rector of Trinity Church, Carbondale, Luzerne County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families and parts of families 48, adults 95, children 36, total 131; baptisms, infants 8; confirmed none, the Episcopal visit having been postponed; communicants, added 4, died or removed 8, present number 37; marriages 5; burial 1; public services on Sundays in the Church of the Parish 96, other days 26, services held out of the parish 22, total 144; children catechized on the first Sunday of every month; Sunday School 1, teachers 8, pupils 60; Bible classes 2, pupils 26; collections, Episcopal Fund \$5, Convention Fund \$5, Missionary and other purposes as follows: Foreign Missions \$28 42 (of which \$23 42 was from the Sunday School), Domestic Missions (through Missionary Association for the West) \$5, Diocesan Missionary Society \$30, Convocation purposes \$10, Communion alms (of which \$5 were appropriated to Christmas Fund for disabled Clergymen), \$37 38, for building Parsonage \$400, parish purposes \$178 99, total \$699 79.

The property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish, is a lot adjoining, on which a parsonage is now in process of erection. The parish is free from debt. The amount of salary which the Clergyman is entitled to receive from the parish is \$450 per annum; the same is punctually paid.

In addition to the services enumerated above, a course of "Cottage Lectures" on the Epistle to the Romans, was commenced on the 20th of last October; and has been continued every Friday evening with one or two exceptions, until the present. The interest manifested in these services is such as to warrant the belief that the Spirit's influences have not been withheld from this attempt to teach the people "from house to house." Still we have to confess that a great spiritual work is needed in this parish. Many of those who attend our ministrations are living without a well-grounded hope, others are following Christ "afar off." We are thankful however, that there are those who by a consistent life adorn the Gospel of the Lord Jesus, and in dependance on our covenant-keeping God, we would "learn to labor and to wait."

Report of the Rev. James Bonnar, B. D.

The undersigned respectfully reports to the Right Reverend the Bishop of Pennsylvania, that since the date of his last report until Easter, he was constantly engaged in the discharge of his duties as one of the Masters in the Academy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the City of Philadelphia; that he has, during the past year, celebrated or assisted in celebrating, Divine Service about four hundred and seventy times; and that he has baptized several children and adults, buried a number of persons, and solemnized a few marriages, all of which being entered on the records of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, are reported by the Rector of the same.

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Report of Rev. John A. Bowman, Rector of the Parish of Trinity Church, Newcastle, Lawrence County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 37, adults 81, children 70, total 151; baptisms, adults 1, infants 21, total 22; confirmed 10; communicants, added 20, died or removed 1, present number 37; marriages none; burial 1; public services, on Sundays about 75, other days 6, total 81; children catechized 12; Sunday schools, male teachers 2, pupils 24, female teachers 7, pupils 43, total teachers 9, pupils 67; Bible class 1, members 5, teacher 1; collections \$9 50, for Sunday school and current expenses.

The Bishop holds, for the use of the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of the Parish, a lot of ground left by the Will of the late Dr. Azra Andrews, on which are two frame houses, yielding an annual revenue of about \$125.

The congregation and citizens of Newcastle subscribed and paid punctually to the support of the minister this year about \$125.

Of the rents, which by Will of Dr. Andrews, should come into the the minister's hands, he has received about \$75.

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Report of Rev. S. Bowman, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, infants 25; communicants, added 23, died or removed 13, present number 155; confirmed 19; marriages 4; funerals 19; collections, Episcopal Fund \$24 65, Christmas Fund \$25 84, Society for Advancement of Christianity \$26 60, Convention Fund \$25 94, Monthly Offerings \$95 12, total \$198 12; Easter collection for feeble churches \$41.

The Monthly Offerings are divided between the Society for Advance-



ment of Christianity in Pennsylvania, and the Domestic and Foreign branches of our Missions.

In our Sunday Schools there are about 130 children, under fifteen teachers. A part of the children are catechized every Sunday. There is one Female Bible Class, of ten members, under a single teacher.

Our Parochical Schools continue much as they were last year, except that the highest department for boys has been suspended since the removal of Rev. Mr. Coit. In the remaining branches, there are about 110 children, under five teachers.

The Orphan Asylum continues its benevolent work uninterruptedly. There are eight children now in it. The pressure of the times renders it impossible, with our present scanty income, to increase the number.

The property of the church remains unchanged. The salary of the Rector (\$1100,) is punctually paid. I believe there is no debt remaining against the church. One hundred and fifty dollars per annum, (\$150) are contributed by the Vestry of St. James, to the support of the Assistant at St. John's.

Report of Rev. S. Bowman, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pa., for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

This church was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, in September last, by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese. Divine service had been held in the basement of it since the preceding Easter. I was assisted in this Parish, or rather the work in it was faithfully and energetically done, by my Assistant, the Rev. H. A. Coit, who had at the same time charge of the chief male department of our Parochical Schools. Shortly after the consecration of the church, Mr. Coit removed to another field of labor, where he is actively devoting himself to the duties of the ministry, without the incumbrance of teaching.

He was succeeded, as Assistant at St. John's, by the Rev. J C. Eccleston, M. D., who continued with indefatigable zeal and most encouraging success, to discharge the duties of his ministry, until a very recent period, when his health gave way suddenly, and so seriously, as to compel him to suspend all labor, and seek restoration in a more genial clime. I trust it may please God, speedily to restore him to a ministry, which, in the outset, gave so large promise of usefulness.

The lines between the new and the old Parish, are as yet so imperfectly drawn, that I shall, this year, make no separate report of communicants for St. John's.

The baptisms have been 7, adults 2, infants 5; in the Sunday school there are about 175 children, under 19 teachers.



This church is established on the principle of free sittings. At present, however, it receives assistance from "the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania," and also from the Vestry of St. James'. We do not doubt that it will ultimately support itself. A generous member of the old Parish, has given \$1000 towards an endowment for the support of the minister of St. John's. The present salary, which also goes to the Assistant, is \$600, and is punctually paid.

The church will accommodate easily five hundred persons, and at our evening services, is usually fairly filled. There have been already paid towards the church and grounds, I believe, between \$1100 and \$1200. There remains yet a debt of about \$2000, which, however, has been assumed by the Rector and Vestry. These circumstances will, it is hoped, excuse us for having made none of the ordinary collections.

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Report of the Rev. Henry Brown, Rector of St. David's Church, Radnor, Delaware County, and Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion, Montgomery County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

### ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, RADNOR.

Congregation, families 50, adults 160, children 70, total 230 ; baptisms, infants 6, adults 3, total 9 ; confirmed 4 ; communicants, added 6, removed 4, present number 46 ; marriages 4 ; burials 7 ; public services, Sundays 60, other days 16, total 76 ; children catechized, times 12 ; Sunday school 1, teachers 5, children 35, total 40.

The collections taken up during this year have been appropriated for the most part to the wants of our own parish ; we are now free of debt, the salary has been promptly paid, and things look promising for the future. I trust we shall now respond, gladly and freely, to the missionary and other calls of the church, which from time to time are made upon us ; and feel it to be both a duty and privilege to do good unto all men, and especially unto them that are of the household of faith. Salary \$450.

### CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, LOWER MERION.

Congregation, resident families 24, adults 75, children 30, total 105 ; baptisms, adults 2, infants 1, total 3 ; confirmed 2 ; communicants 25 ; public services, Sundays 52, other days 10, total 62 ; missionary collections \$35.

The prospects of this church are encouraging ; our beginning was

small, and we have had serious difficulties to contend with; we are still in debt, but our pews are nearly all rented, the attendance is good, in the summer season very large; and I am happy to say that we are not without manifest tokens of the Divine presence and blessing in our midst.

The Rector would state that he has received kind and valuable assistance from the Rev. Dr. Lyons, upon communion and other occasions of Divine service. Salary \$400, promptly paid.

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Report of the Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, Philadelphia, since October 1st, 1854, when the present Rector took charge of the parish.

Public services have been performed on every Sunday morning, and on 5 week-days, making a total of 36 public services. The attendance has been encouragingly good, even in the winter. Toward this result, a good organ, procured in the autumn and constantly used since, has no doubt contributed much. In addition to which, the comfort, as well as appearance of this venerable church, has been greatly improved during the previous winter. The whole interior of it was then entirely renewed and refurnished, and is now alike comfortable, convenient and beautiful.

The congregation seems to consist of about 43 families, including 12 which are here during only a part of the year. The number of actual communicants, not including those from among our summer residents is 18. Of these 3 have been added since I became rector. There has been 1 baptism (an infant,) and 1 burial. A few children have been catechized twice. A Sunday school is about to be opened with good prospect of success. The experiment is also about to be tried of an afternoon service on Sundays, at least during the summer season.

Since September, the collections have been as follows: Church Hospital in Philadelphia \$27 76, Christmas Fund \$8, Episcopal Fund \$6, for the poor \$31 53, Advancement Society \$11, Convention Fund \$6, Sunday school \$68 25, toward purchase of organ, &c., \$500, other purposes \$40, total \$698 54.

This parish is not at all in debt. Besides the church and lot on which it stands, it owns another lot intended for a parsonage. It has also ground rents and funds to the amount of a few thousand dollars. The salary of the clergyman, is (in addition to a house,) \$800 per annum, and is punctually paid.

One of the great wants of this parish is a parsonage house, convenient to the church. This want, however, is likely soon to be supplied.

In various ways does the parish give signs of being about to renew its age and vigor.

Report of the Parish of All Saints' Church, Paradise, for the five months ending September 30, 1854.

Families 36; baptisms 5 (children); communicants, added 2, removed 1, present number 46; confirmed 5; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 18, other days 3, total 21; children catechized frequently; Sunday school 1, teachers 10, pupils 100; contributions, Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union \$3, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$3, Bishop White Parish Library Association \$3, Ladies' Tract Society \$2, Missions (of which \$4 57 were from the Sunday school,) \$17 18, other purposes \$16 03, total \$44 21.

### CHRIST CHURCH, LEACOCK.

Families 37; baptisms 5 (infants); communicants, added 2, present number 40; confirmed 10; burial 1; public services, on Sundays 13, other days 3, total 16; Sunday schools 1, teachers 5, pupils 30; collections, Advancement Society \$6, Missions \$8 32, other purposes \$8, total \$22 32.

With this parish, I had at the time of leaving it, in October last, been connected for 19 years and a half. Of All Saints' Church, I had been the Rector since its organization in 1841. To both I had, with reason, become so much attached, that it was quite a trial to leave them. May they both be ever dear to the Great Head of the Church and experience abundantly of His favor and blessing.

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Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, D. D.

I have officiated about 50 times during the last year. Funerals 10; marriages 2.

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Report of the Rev. De Witt C. Byllesby, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Montrose, Susquehanna County, and of St. Matthew's Church, Pike, Bradford County.

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MONTROSE.

Congregation, adults 80, children 21, total 101; baptisms, adults 3, infants 1, total 4; confirmed 3; communicants, added 3, died or removed 3, present number 29; marriage 1; burials 4; public ser-

vices, on Sundays 82, other days 54, total 136; Sunday school, teachers 6, pupils 28; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Diocesan Missionary Society \$24 79, Episcopal Society for the West \$12, Foreign Missions \$25, Christmas Fund \$3 31, Church building \$5, Convocation Fund \$9 37, other purposes \$63 50, total \$147 97.

The parish is in a gradually improving state, and although there are not as many evidences of progress as we could wish, yet we are not without proof of God's presence and blessing in our midst. Our parochial Missionary Society, now in its second year, has worked well and fully attested the efficiency of such instrumentalities in country parishes.

During the past year the parsonage has been completed and improved, and we hope at no distant day to erect a new and substantial church. The Rector's salary is paid quarterly in advance, and in addition he would acknowledge the generous and continued kindness of his parishioners.

In addition to the services performed in this parish and that of St. Matthew's, Pike, I have visited Cherry, Sullivan county, twice, and preached there three times and baptized one adult and two infants.

### ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, PIKE.

Congregation, adults 50, children 20, total 70; communicants, died or removed 4, present number 28; marriage 1; burial 1; public services, on Sundays 32, other days 1, total 33; Sunday school, teachers 4, pupils 16; collections for missionary and other purposes \$20.

This parish is in a languishing condition for want of a settled minister. To one who could reside here it offers a noble field of usefulness and a comfortable support might be secured. But it needs more time and attention than I can possibly spare from other duties and at a distance of 16 miles. The parish has suffered severely from sickness and failure of crops during the past year, and consequently has been able to do but little in the way of salary.

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Report of the Rev. John A. Childs.

Baptisms, infants 21; marriages 9; funerals 12; public services, prayers 148, sermons 37.

I am still acting as Assistant at St. Luke's, also as superintendent and librarian of the Episcopal Reading Room and agent for the Church Hospital. Besides the above services I have officiated on many occasions at cottage lectures, &c.

Report of the Rev. A. Christman, Rector of Calvary Church, Philadelphia.

I took charge of this parish on the 1st of January last. This report includes the labors of myself and predecessor, since last Convention.

Baptisms, adults 9, children 100, total 109; confirmed 15; communicants, added 25, died or removed 19, present number 113; marriages 34; burials 51; public services, on Sundays 116, other days 67, total 183; children catechized 223, times 51; Sunday school 1, teachers 25, pupils 223; collections, charities about home \$100, maintenance of Church and school \$800, school-house and organ funds \$200, total \$1200.

Besides the lot upon which the Church edifice stands, there is another on the north side of it, 30 by 100 feet "held for our use." There has all along been a mortgage upon it, the *interest* of which has always been paid by the rent of the store and stable now occupying it; but there is every prospect at present, that the amount still due on the mortgage will be paid by the close of the year.

The Church edifice, MONUMENT TO BISHOP WHITE, is completed, with the exception of the *spire*, which will be built this summer—"is to be the gift of the Sunday schools of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia."

"In consequence of the peculiar character of this congregation I am not able to report the number of families and individuals composing it; if I should return all who occasionally attend this church and go nowhere else, and who depend entirely upon me for the ministrations of religion while living, and for the burial of their dead, I would give a far too flattering account of our success here; while on the other hand a report embracing those only whose names are down as regular contributors of stated sums, would fall below the number who rightly belong here."

The report above given, conveys the best idea of the present state of the parish that I can give.

Report of the Rev. Samuel A. Clark, Rector of the Church of the Advent, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, adults 8, infants 15, total 23; confirmed 20; communicants, added 39, died or removed 19, present number 227; children catechized monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 13, pupils 100; female 1, teachers 19, pupils 130; infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 130; total, Sunday schools 3, teachers 34, pupils 360; Bible Classes 2, members 25, teachers 2.



Contributions, Episeopal Fund \$20 21, Convention Fund \$20 20, Diocesan Missionary Society \$142 02, Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions \$607 67, American Sunday School Union \$177, other purposes \$3097 20, total \$3064 30.

Church debt, ground rent \$5333 33; mortgage \$3000; total \$8333 33; salary \$1500, paid punetually.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. H. Clarke, Rector of Locust Grove Seminary, Pittsburgh.

The Institution under my echarge continues to be very well sustained, and promises to become an efficient agent in promoting the cause of Christian edueation in Western Pennsylvania. The number of pupils in attendanee during the current year, is forty-four.

Since the middle of Deeember, an affection of the chest has prevented my engaging in the public duties of the ministry. Before that time, I had baptized one infant, attended one funeral, read the whole service, or a part of it, 34 times, preached 12 sermons, and assisted 11 times in administering the Holy Communion.

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Report of the Rev. Samuel Clements, Rector of Trinity Church, Washington, Washington County.

Congregation, families and parts of families 28, adults 49, children 37, total 86; baptisms, infants 13; confirmations 5; communieants, added 9, removed 9, present number 18; marriages 2; burials 5; public services, about 135; Sunday school, teachers 9, scholars 32; collections, Foreign Missions \$17, Domestic Missions \$2, Dioecsan Missions \$12 75, American Sunday School Union \$2,50, church debt \$155 40, Parochical purposes \$83 38, total \$273 03. The Parish is now entirely free from debt.

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Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook.

This Parish has improved and is prospering. The public services are well sustained, many have evineed a concern for the salvation of their souls, and there is much exemplary piety. Still we lament a deficiency of zeal and active devotion in the Saviour's cause and service. Salary the same in amount and payment.

Families 60, children 150; Sunday school not so large—improved fulfilment of parental obligations; baptisms, adults 13, infants 18, total 31; marriages 6; burials 5; communicants, added 28, removed 8, total 87; Church building \$15 14, Diocesan Missions \$4, Foreign



Missions \$10, Christmas Fund \$4 71, Episcopal and Convention Funds \$10, other objects \$31 79, total \$75 64.

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Report of the Rev. John Coleman, D.D., Rector of Trinity Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 15th, 1855.

Congregation, about as last reported ; baptisms, adults 2, infants 44, total 46 ; confirmed 17 ; communicants, last reported 318, added 12, died 6, removed 16, present number 308 ; marriages 28 ; burials 22 ; public services, on Sundays 114, other days 45, total 159 ; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 14, pupils 130 ; female 2, teachers 25, pupils 240 ; children catechized, monthly, "openly in the church ;" collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$50, Episcopal and Convention Funds \$46 90, Prayer Book and Tract Societies \$70 69, Missionary and other purposes \$662 50, total \$830 09.

During the last ten years our Parish has paid towards the enlargement and improvement of the Church Edifice \$7,500 ; and for the extinguishment of the Church debt \$5,500. The present indebtedness of the Parish is \$4,750.

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Report of the Rev. William C. Cooley, Rector of the Church of our Saviour.

I would respectfully report, that during the last year, I have held Divine service twice every Sunday, besides attending to my Sunday school in the afternoon. I have baptized 125 infants, 2 children ; solemnized 7 marriages, and attended 50 funerals. The Sunday school has continued to increase, until it now numbers 350 children, and 20 teachers, with an able and experienced Superintendent ; and the only obstacle to a much larger increase is want of room. I have kept steadily in view the indispensable work of building a church here, and have so far progressed in the undertaking, as to hope at least, that it will be consummated during this coming season. We have a plan for a neat, gothic stone church, which is not to cost over \$7000, and will seat 500 persons. I consider the building of the church the first and most important work now to be done. The congregation is fluctuating and unstable, and will continue so until we have a sanctuary consecrated to the worship of God.

In the prosecution of this work, I have found many, who, from poverty, sickness and age, are utterly unable to attend church. Some of these are members of the church, and in ministering to their wants, both temporal and spiritual, we are but discharging our bounden duty.

Report of the Rev. Charles D. Cooper, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia.

Families 255 ; marriages 12 ; burials 20 ; baptisms, adults 10, infants 29, total 39 ; confirmed 32 ; communicants, added 44, removed or died 39, present number 330 ; Sunday schools, teachers and scholars 450 ; Bible classes 3, number of members 68 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$100, Convention Fund \$120, Protestant Episcopal Hospital \$134, Bishop H. W. Lee for Iowa \$440, Foreign Missions \$100, Missionary and other purposes, (including \$1089 29 for sinking fund) \$5240 41, total \$6134 41 ; ground rent, deducting interest on sinking fund, \$660 ; salary of the rector \$2000, paid punctually.

Report of the Rev. W. H. Cooper, Rector of Christ Church, Lycoming County for eight months, from 14th September 1854 to 15th May, 1855.

Congregation, families 24, children of those families 32, adults 42, total 95, belonging to the Church, besides numerous occasional worshippers ; baptisms, adult 1, infants 5 ; confirmed 4 ; communicants, added 9, removed 3, present number 38 ; marriages 2 ; burials none ; public services, on Sundays 73, other days 7, total 80 ; children catechized quarterly before congregation, and occasionally in the Sunday school, where I am always in attendance ; Sunday school 1, teachers, male 4, female 7, pupils, number variable, about 45 ; Bible class 1, teacher, myself, members 17 besides stragglers ; collections, Parish Library association \$3 ; Christmas Fund \$765 ; Williamsport Colporteur Association \$11 72, Foreign Missions \$15, Convention Fund \$4 11, Carrier Dove and other general purposes \$100 81 ; total \$142 29.

Property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, an adjoining lot, on which has just been completed a beautiful and commodious parsonage of brick, at a cost of \$2250, besides some \$150 probably for extras, fencing, &c. ; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, nothing on the church building, \$973 and upwards on the parsonage ; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$500, punctually paid, with allowance for expenses of removal.

The parish has suffered much from vacancies and removals, as will be evident from the fact that the church had been closed for six months or so prior to my appointment, and *for the last four summers in succession*. The field is a hard one, but it is acknowledged that never were the prospects of the congregation brighter than at present. The completion thus far of the Sunbury and Erie and of the Williamsport and Elmira Railroad, both having their terminus in this borough, is communicating an extraordinary impetus to trade in this region ; and

it is to a consequent increase of population that, under God, we look for an enlarged congregation. We have just struggled through a work particularly arduous in a season of pecuniary depression like the present, viz.: the erection of such a parsonage as would do credit to many a more extensive and more wealthy parish. Some \$1000 have been raised within the borough towards the object, and about \$200 only have come in to us from abroad. Part of the remaining balance our ladies are making efforts to liquidate by a Fair in June. We had hoped this summer to have altered and improved our church building, of which it undoubtedly stands in need, and which would be most desirable, but, having been unable, through disappointment, to clear the parsonage from incumbrance, our efforts must unitedly be directed towards this object in preference. The means of grace, I trust, have not been unblest, since my residence amongst them, to my beloved people.

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Report of the Rev. N. E. Cornwall, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families, 85, adults 250, children, 100, total 350; baptisms, adults 3, infants 17, total 20; confirmed 10; communicants, added 25, died or removed 12, present number 130; marriages 2; burials 17; public services, on Sundays 101, other days 66, total 167; children catechized 11 times; Sunday Schools, male, teachers 4, pupils 30, female, teachers 5, pupils 40; infant, teacher 1, pupils 25, schools 2, teachers 10, pupils 95; bible class 1, members 10; collections, Episcopal fund \$24, Convention Fund \$18, Diocesan Missionary Society \$38, Missionary and other purposes \$871, total \$951; property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the parish \$1400; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$1500; arrears of salary, none.

To the collections for missionary and other charitable purposes, must be added contributions of members of this parish, to the amount of two hundred dollars for the support of feeble parishes in the vicinity; and subscriptions of individuals toward the erection of St. James' Church, to the amount of twelve hundred dollars, together with the same amount paid last year, but, through inadvertence not reported. In this view of the matter, the total amount raised for missionary and other charitable purposes may be stated at \$3550.

The indebtedness of the Church of this parish, for want of full information, was, after much pains, erroneously reported last year at

\$2000, when, in fact, it was more than \$3000, including all alleged claims. This, however, is now virtually reduced to \$1400, by late proceedings of the corporation. The whole amount, therefore, to be reckoned for benevolent purposes and extinction of church debt is about \$5150.

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Report of the Rev. George Alexander Crooke (Deacon), Philadelphia.

The above begs to state, that since his admission to the Diaconate, on Sunday, the 31st of December, 1854, he has either by himself celebrated, or with others assisted in celebrating, Divine Service upwards of 140 times; preached 16 times; assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion 3 times; united 2 couples in marriage; baptized 3 sick children; officiated at 3 funerals; visited the sick as opportunity presented; and frequently catechized the children of some of the Parish and Sunday schools of the city.

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Report of the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of Christ Church, in the city and county of Alleghany, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families &c. uncertain and very fluctuating; baptisms, infants 25; confirmed 13; communicants, added 13, died or removed 13, present number 72; marriages 3; burials 21; public services, on Sundays 102, other days 5, total 107; Sunday school 1, male teachers 4, female teachers 6, total teachers 10; male scholars 30, female scholars 48, total scholars 78; collections, Convention Fund \$13, Missionary Society \$21 50, Poor \$26 65; property other than church building and lot, a burial lot; salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive, \$400 per annum; arrears of salary \$301 37, mostly for former years.

Besides the foregoing services, I officiate twice every Sunday in the Western Penitentiary, and on every week day visit the prisoners from cell to cell, for the purpose of moral and religious instruction.

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Report the Rev. T. J. Davis, Rector of the Church of the Resurrection, Philadelphia county, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, infants 16; confirmed, no visit from the Bishop; communicants, died or removed 3, present number 14; marriages 2; burials 6.

Since the last report of this parish, the Rector has been more or less engaged in teaching, to which he is obliged to resort for a support,

and to carry on the work for the completion of the church and its inclosure. This has been accomplished within the last year, mainly by the Rector's own labors and expense; because it could not otherwise be done without incurring a debt. Whence, through much hardship and toil, the church has been finished, the lot filled up and inclosed, preserving the apostolic injunction, "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another."

The necessity of having a Rectory, has also led, within the last year, to the undertaking of building. And for this object, about \$1,200 have been raised, under the resolution to adhere strictly to the principle, not to go in debt. The Rectory is not to cost over \$2,000, and the management of the work has been assigned, by the vestry, to the Rector and Wardens, as a building committee. It is already in progress with fine prospects of ultimate success. And from the Christian liberality already manifested and the success attained, the hope is entertained that it will be completed within the present year. The congregation is always respectable, for numbers, though never very large, as this is one of the rare instances where the church stands in the fore-ground.

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Report of the Rev. Erastus De Wolf, Missionary of Market Street Mission.

Your Missionary took charge of this station on the first of January, 1854, at the instance of the Rev. J. A. Vaughan, D. D., who commenced it nearly two years previously by organizing a Sunday School. This school, by his counsels and devoted efforts, and the co-operation and assistance of a number of very efficient and pious females, was in a prosperous condition. My first audience consisted of about twelve Sunday School teachers, three other adults, and fifty or sixty scholars. By the Divine blessing upon untiring efforts, the aspect of the Mission has entirely changed. The Sunday School has been greatly enlarged. The congregation at Divine services has also much increased, and assumed the form of a regular Church having a vestry and wardens, and the constant administration of the holy sacraments. This Mission was originated, and is now a mission for the destitute and those estranged from Christ's fold. Its objects are to reclaim the ungodly, and take the stranger, the friendless and the fallen by the hand, and by God's grace lead them to the ark of safety.

During the sixteen months of my charge, I have preached and lectured from three to five times per week; mostly in our large and commodious hall, but not unfrequently in private houses in courts and alleys. The results are such as we trust the Great Head of the Church



will approve and continue to bless. We commenced administering the holy communion about six months since. The number of communicants received by confirmation is twenty. Persons who had formerly been communicants, but from different causes had long since ceased to come to this holy sacrament, wholly or in part, we have received thirty; making the present number fifty. There is good promise that this number may be greatly increased during the coming Conventional year. Our services during the Winter were three each Lord's day; on Wednesday evening lectures and on Saturday evening candidates for confirmation were taught and examined in the catechism, and Christian duties generally. In addition to these services we have had a monthly temperance meeting, which has apparently done much good. Large numbers have attended and nearly two hundred taken the pledge, most of whom we believe have been steadfast.

Communicants 50; baptisms, adults 3, children 68, total 71; marriages 10; burials 30; Sunday Schools 2; infant 1; 1 for older children and youth, whole number 330; in constant attendance 230; teachers, male and female, 40. Eight Sunday School scholars have been received to Communion.

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Report of the Rev. William N. Diehl.

The Rev. William N. Diehl respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, that he has, the past year, as opportunity offered, exercised the functions of his sacred office.

During a part of last Summer and Autumn, he officiated for the Congregation of Trinity Church, Oxford.

He trusts, should his life and health be preserved, that he will be more actively employed during the present year for Christ and his Church.

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Report of the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May, 1855.

Congregation, families about 200; baptisms, adults 7, infants 57, total 64; confirmed 28; communicants 386; marriages 10; burials 27; public services twice on each Sunday, in the morning of holy days, daily in Lent and on Wednesday and Friday during the year; children catechized on the last Sunday of each month. Sunday Schools and Bible class, teachers 30, pupils 197; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150; Convention Fund \$56 41; Christmas Fund \$64 84; Advancement



Society \$201 90; Missionary and other purposes \$2895 22, total \$4093 60.

The Church was closed three months last Summer, when repairs and improvements were made at a cost of \$5300.

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Report of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of Zion Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 1, infants 18, total 19; confirmed 1; communicants, died or removed 7, present number 42; communion in private to two sick persons; marriages 3; burials 6; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 30; Sunday school, teachers 4, pupils 90; children catechized frequently; collection for Hospital of the Protestant Episcopal Church \$5, for Convention Fund \$1 50.

Our Sunday school, with the Divine blessing, has increased. We have reason to bless God that the children of families in the vicinity of the Church attend the sanctuary, notwithstanding the neglect of it on the part of their parents. The influence of Zion Church, was felt in that part of Kensington in which it has been instituted, during last winter, when suffering and famishing families applied to her. Temporal and spiritual aid was freely afforded. Would that those who apply to the Church in their adversity, would remember her in their returning prosperity!

But, in the midst of the difficulties attendant on the procuring of a new Church edifice, difficulties augmented by the fact, that all the burdens of the Church are thrown upon the Rector, he can still "thank God and take courage." The pecuniary resources of Zion Church are as submitted to the last Convention.

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Report of the Rev. Benjamin J. Douglass, Rector of Christ Church, Towanda, Bradford County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 50; baptisms, adults 2, infants 5, total 7. There has been during the past year no visitation of the Bishop for the purpose of confirmation, but several are ready for the rite. Burials 7; public services, on Sundays 107, other days 113, total 220; children catechized monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 2, pupils 41, female 1, teachers 8, pupils 53, infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 30, total, schools 3, teachers 12, pupils 124; collections, Episcopal Fund \$10, Convention Fund \$10, Diocesan Missionary Society \$30, Missionary purposes \$135 76, total \$185 76.

Statistics of parish—See Journal of 1854.

Report of the Rev. George C. Drake, Rector of St. James' Church, Muncy, Lycoming County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Families 66, adults 133, children 70, total 203 ; baptisms, adults 3, infants 1, total 4 ; confirmed 9 ; communicants, added 10, died or removed 4, present number 87 ; marriages 5 ; burials 9, at Williamsport 1, total 10 ; public services, on Sundays 80, other days 15, total 95 ; children catechized in Sunday school ; Sunday schools, pupils, male 16, female 32, total 48 ; teachers, male 4, female 6, total 10 ; Bible class, members 14 ; contributions, Convention Fund for 1855 \$8 95, Episcopal Fund \$9 09, (not reported last year \$9 65,) total \$18 74 ; Advancement Society \$11 12, and \$14, total \$25 12 ; Colonization \$10 30, Domestic Missions \$9, Christmas Fund \$8 51, subsequently added \$2, total \$10 51 ; Foreign Missions \$4 contributed by two, \$10 contributed by two, \$1 contributed by one, total \$15 ; for parochial uses \$34 08, total \$131 70.

During the past year, additions have been made to the property owned by the parish. First, a lot, 100 feet front, has been purchased by the parish to enlarge their burial ground. Next, a lot 100 feet by 151, has been purchased for the parish, as a site for the parsonage. Each of these purchases cost \$200, total \$400.

What has been so long held in expectancy ; what the ladies have so diligently toiled for, and yet continue to toil for ; the erection of a parsonage, has been assigned by contract to a member of the parish, who is to receive \$2040 for the parsonage and well, and \$425, for stable, out-buildings, fencing, &c. To meet their engagements, the ladies have about \$1700. The parsonage is to be 33 by 40 feet. Work has already been commenced, and it is intended to have the house ready to be occupied by next Christmas.

In the report of last year, reference was made to a proposal to erect a new church. The design was very generally seconded by the members of the parish, and the subscription soon reached the sum of \$2000, of which one sum of \$500 was the subscription of an excellent, aged female parishioner ; another of \$100, was the subscription of Mrs. Sarah Potter, of Princeton, New Jersey, and a third of \$500, to be equally divided between church and parsonage, was the subscription of Robert Robb, Esq., of Pittsburgh, thus evincing an interest in the church in the place of his nativity, as he has done in the city of his adoption.

Placed as our parish is, in the midst of a rich agricultural and lumbering region, where the mechanic and mercantile trades flourish, it would be a misrepresentation to say that it is not *able* to give a good if not a liberal salary to its clergyman. But the sum actually sub-

scribed for the year ending March 1st, 1855, was \$199, to which \$15 is to be added as paid without subscribing, making the sum total \$214. The amount of the ensuing year is \$228 50, to be enlarged by further subscriptions.

The arrears of salary, due previous to March, 1854, are \$256 46, of which \$100 is to be released for the relief of the vestry so far if they erect a new church ; or if collected, to be applied to that object. Since that time, the arrears are \$36.

It will be noticed, that we have departed in some instances from the plan of simultaneous collections, although the Rector and his congregation entertain for it a hearty approval. This has been in consequence of pressing parochial exigencies. When these cease, we will return to a compliance with the Episcopal recommendation.

No interest of the parish appears so languishing as the Sunday school. Our hope for its revival is in the Spirit of the Lord of Hosts. The Sunday school at the Muncy Farms, which was suspended in consequence of the ill health of Miss Hall, has been re-commenced as that is improved.

Report of the Rev. Richard B. Duane, Rector of Grace Church, Honesdale, Wayne County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 73, adults 201, children 125, total 326 ; baptisms, adult 1, infants 6, total 7 ; no confirmation held ; communicants, added 5, removed 1, stricken from the list 2, present number 84 ; marriages 3 ; burials 7 ; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 27, total 127 ; children catechized 130, times 12 ; Sunday school 1, (general,) teachers 16, scholars 130 ; Bible class 1, members 10 ; collections, Convention Fund \$10, Missionary and other purposes, \$3367 35, viz : Diocesan Missionary Society \$50, Domestic Missions (through Episcopal Missionary Association for the West,) \$50, Foreign Missions (of which \$30 from Sunday school, and \$15 privately contributed,) \$95, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$10, Convention Fund \$10, Wayne County Bible Society \$38, Church Extension \$50, Sewing circle for the poor \$18 58, Evangelical Knowledge Society \$10, Parish purposes (incidental expenses,) \$282 76, money paid by the congregation towards new church building \$2447,-41, Ladies' Sewing Circle (for furnishing ditto,) \$175, Communion alms (of which \$15 for Christmas Fund \$130 50, total \$3377 25.

The whole amount raised in the last two years in the parish, towards erecting and furnishing our new church was \$8463 41. The first service held in it was the consecration service on August 2nd, 1854.

The church seats about 400 persons ; and 72 out of the 76 pews are rented. The new Sunday school room in the basement, was first occupied on June 25th, 1854, since which time we have been obliged to enlarge, by the addition of an infant school room. Our school has increased 35 per cent. in the past year.

The "property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish," is a parsonage. There is no debt upon the parish. The "amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive," is \$1000 per annum, with the use of the parsonage, being an increase of \$300 over the salary of last year. The salary is not in arrears.

It is proper to state that the number of persons connected with the parish is no criterion of the number attending upon our services.— Many attend who are not now regularly connected with us. Our congregations are more than double those of last year.

Report of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D.D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, children 23, adults 7 ; marriages 12 ; deaths and funerals 24 ; communicants, about 300 ; confirmed 20 ; collections, for the Advancement Society \$802 48, Christmas Fund \$46 36, Convention Fund \$85, Episcopal Fund \$150, offerings for the poor on Thanksgiving-day \$198 41, contributions for the parish school \$375, Domestic Missions \$311 16, total, officially received (besides the communion offerings) \$1968 41 ; whole amount given for missionary purposes \$1213 64.

The parish owes no debt ; and owns property as reported in full, in May, 1850, (see Journal of that year, p. 96,) and in May, 1854, as may be seen in the Journal of that year, p. 97.

Report of the Rev. Charles M. Dupuy.

Since the last Conventional meeting, in consequence of improved health, he has on numerous occasions celebrated Divine Service, administered the Holy Communion and preached fifty-two times.

Report of the Rev. George A. Durborow, Rector of the Church of the Redemption, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 130 ; baptisms, adults 3, infants 153, total 156 ; confirmed 13 ; communicants, present number 121 ; marriages

74; burials 91; public services, on Sundays 117, other days 62, total 179; children catechized, times monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 10, pupils 112; female 1, teachers 15, pupils 194, total, schools 2, teachers 25, pupils 306; Bible classes 2, members 21, teachers 2; property, other than the church building and lot, owned by the Parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish, \$3500 for lot; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$400; arrears of salary, \$64 to April 1st.

I continue my ministrations at the House of Refuge, where the blessings of God seem to rest upon my humble endeavors. I also find my visits to the Foster Home well received, and have reason to believe that they result in great good.

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Report of the Rev. Samuel Durborow, late Rector of St. Peter's Church, Phœnixville, Chester county, and St. John's Chapel, Pickering Bridge, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 60, adults 150, children 180, total 330; baptisms, adults 2, infants 28, total 30; confirmed 12; communicants added 14, died or removed 5, present number 62; marriages 8; burials 14; public services, on Sundays 108, other days 6, total 114; Sunday schools 2, teachers 24, pupils 180; Bible class 1, pupils 10; collections, Episcopal Fund \$5, Convention Fund \$5, Domestic Missions 5, Foreign Missions \$10, other purposes \$243 33, total \$268 33; no property other than Church building, Chapel and burial lot; amount of indebtedness of the church \$200; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive, from Church, Chapel and adjacents \$500; arrears of salary none.

RT. REV. SIR:—As you are aware, my connection with this Parish was dissolved on the 1st of April last; but as the pulpit is still vacant, I cheerfully acceded to the request of the Wardens in sending to you the accompanying report.

“*St. Peter's Church*,” though somewhat affected by the pressure of the times, is still in a healthy and prosperous condition, the morning service was continued here without interruption until the 1st of April.

“*St. John's Chapel, Pickering Bridge*.” This is located in the region of the lead and copper mines, and was designed chiefly for the accommodation of the miners. Services have been held regularly on Sunday afternoon in this little Sanctuary. Although the congregation has greatly diminished, in consequence of the removals, still what was lacking in numbers, was more than made up by the increased zeal of those that remained.



*"Yellow Springs."* During the watering season Divine service was held every Sunday evening in the drawing room, as during the previous season. I would take this opportunity of acknowledging the many kind attentions to me personally, and the substantial tokens of their interest in our solemn and impressive services on the part of the visitors.

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Report of the Rev. Samuel Durborow, Rector of the church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 75, adults 200, children 250, total 450; baptisms, adults 6, infants 41, total 47; confirmed 19; communicants, added 24, died or removed 7, present number 107; marriages 14; burials 12; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 40, total 144; children catechized 12; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 9, pupils 65; female 1, teachers 14, pupils 100; infant 1, teachers 5, pupils 90; total schools 3, teachers 28, pupils 255; Bible classes 2, members 40, teachers 2; collections, Episcopal Fund \$6, Convention Fund \$6, Missionary and other purposes \$129 57, paid debt on church lot 192, total 321 57; property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the church of the Parish, nothing; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, \$600; arrears of salary, none.

Through the kind assistance of the Rev. William Huckel, late Rector, I have been enabled to prepare the accompanying report of the Parish for the year past.

The church is in a prosperous condition, being entirely free from debt, and the congregation steadily improving.

In order to keep pace with the wonderful growth of this section of the city, a much larger place of worship, than that which we now occupy, is needed. May the Lord bestow upon our own people, and upon the friends of the church, a spirit of liberality, so that we may be prepared shortly to "rise up and build."

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Report of the Rev. Joseph J. Elsegood, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, infants 13; confirmed 2; communicants, added 13, removed with commendatory letters to other parishes 8, died 2, present number 61; marriages 11; burials 10; public services, on Sundays



96, on other days 42, total 138; Sunday schools 1, pupils 400, teachers 9, children catechized regularly in Sunday School monthly.

Collections, Christmas Fund for disabled clergymen \$10 85, Convention Fund \$6, Domestic Missions \$6 61, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$5, Female Prayer Book Society \$4, Sunday school \$15, special relief fund for the poor \$32, Church improvement and other purposes \$266 34, total \$345 79.

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Report of the Rev. Rees C. Evans, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, and Trinity Church, Centreville, Bucks County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 16, adults 31, children 36, total 67; baptisms, adult 1, infant 1, total 2; confirmed 2; communicants 9, added 1, removed 1, present number 9; burials 3; public services, 62; Sunday school 1, teachers 3, pupils 30.

In addition to the public services in the Church every Lord's day morning, and on every third Sunday night in the month, a weekly meeting has been held at my house.

Amount of indebtedness of the Church, about \$200.

### TRINITY CHURCH, CENTREVILLE.

Congregation, families 10, adults 25, children 35, total 60; present number of communicants 11; burials 2; public services 49; Sunday schools 2, teachers, male 1, female 6, total 7; pupils 102; Bible class 1, members 10.

One of the Sunday school scholars has been removed by death. In my last report I omitted to mention that previous to the last Convention, two persons received the rite of confirmation.

One Sunday school is taught in the Church, the other is taught a few miles from the Church, near Centre Bridge, in a private house, and numbers over sixty scholars. It is taught by a communicant of the Church, aided by a young relation. The school began with three scholars a few years ago, and has kept on increasing until it has exceeded the most sanguine expectations.

The salary for both Churches is \$600.

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Report of the Rev. George G. Field, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 54, adults 143, children 97, total 240; bap-

tisms, adults 3, infants 19, total 22; confirmed 4; communicants, added 4, died or removed 4, present number 73; marriages 3; burials 11; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 86, total 190; schools 2, teachers 9, pupils 107; parish school, teacher 1, pupils 30; Bible class 1, members 8, teachers 1; collections, Episcopal fund \$11 74, Convention fund \$7 52, Christmas fund \$23 80, Parish Sunday school \$24 61, Church hospital \$27 19, Domestic Missions \$47 21, Foreign Missions \$24 06, Church building \$19 67, other purposes \$80 50, total \$266 30.

Statistics of Parish same as by previous reports.

The Parish School not so prosperous as formerly, is still kept alive through the voluntary services and earnest zeal of a member of the congregation.

The outward growth of the parish seems at present to be checked and limited, by the narrow dimensions of the church building. Our efforts to erect a new one not having yet proved successful.

Report of the Rev. George C. Foote, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Whitmarsh, Montgomery County, for the year ending May 1, 1855.

Congregation, families 45, adults 106, children 60, total 166; baptisms, adults 8, infants 8, total 16; confirmed 18; communicants, added 15; marriages 2; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 128, total 228; morning prayer daily; children catechized every Sunday with few exceptions; Sunday Schools, male 1, teacher 1, pupils 19; female 1, teachers 4, pupils 19; Bible class 1, members 11, teacher 1; collections, Episcopal Fund \$3, Convention Fund \$2 47, Society Advancement of Christianity \$17, Missionary and other purposes \$65, total \$87 47. This does not include the regular offering on Sunday for parish purposes, or alms for the poor.

The parish has bought within the last month a house adjoining the Church lot, for a parsonage. The church is out of debt; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$600, (\$200 being paid by the Advancement Society) with a parsonage; no arrears.

Report of the Rev. B. Franklin, Rector of St. John's Church, N. L., Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 7, infants 17, total 24; confirmed 11; communi-

cants, added 14, died or removed 5, present number 144; marriages 6; burials 8; public services twice every Sunday, once on all holy days, twice weekly in Lent, twice daily in Passion week, and every Wednesday evening from October to May; children catechized monthly; Sunday Schools, teachers 15, pupils 106, infant, teachers 5, pupils 78, total schools 2, teachers 20, pupils 184.

Collections, Convention Fund \$1286, Indian Missions \$40, Charitable and Missionary purposes \$362 92, total \$415 78.

The *free-system* is combined with the *pew-rental*, and found to work well in this congregation, some of the best pews in the Church being held by persons who contribute from Sunday to Sunday according to their means and conscience. In addition to the sums reported above, this congregation has *itself alone*, contributed this year to parochial objects \$1505 86; making collections proper above pew-rents for all purposes \$1921 64. A part of this money has been expended in fencing and improving the grounds, so that the old and neglected appearance of former years has entirely passed away.

Report of the Rev. William G. French, Rector of Trinity Church, Bradford County, for the year ending May 1, 1855.

Congregation, families 9, adults 14, children 16, total 30; of adults who attend regularly aside from those just mentioned we have 8; of irregulars no definite number; average attendance 40 to 50. There are eight denominations in a town of 900 inhabitants. Baptisms, adult 1, candidate 1, children 7, total 8; confirmed 1, candidates 5; communicants, added 1 (by confirmation), from abroad 6, and 5 to be admitted on the visitation of the Bishop, died 2, present number when all are confirmed 19, only 1 male; marriage 1; burials 3; public services on Sundays 127, once on Good Friday (we have no Church building), 1 in Waverly, total 129; children catechized on Sundays, as many as were sent, but not in public. Children, several attending other Sunday Schools, coming regularly at first—but soon falling off from outward *influence*, if not *forced* away.

Sunday Schools have not been formed,—no person to superintend and no teachers. The only competent teacher is in poor health, and the prospect of my stay has been so uncertain, and my time so occupied in teaching for a support and without a Church building, that I have neglected to form any Sunday School to this time. Bible class not formed for same reason, another may do it with all the other labor required; under present circumstances I cannot.

Collections, non esave communion offerings, \$31 68, expended on parish poor chiefly.

The Church owns no property ; salary promised \$175, arrears \$125.

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Report of the Rev. J. G. Furey, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehanna County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

My connexion with this parish commenced on April 1st, 1854, and from that date my report *properly* begins, as no services were reported before.

Families in the parish 48, adults 100, children 50 ; baptisms, adults 3, infant 1, total 4 ; confirmed 1 ; communicants, added 3, present number 56 ; marriage 1 ; burials 2 ; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 20, total 120 ; children catechized 50, times monthly ; Sunday school, teachers 10, pupils 60 ; Bible class (taught by the Rector, on Wednesday evening of each week,) 1, members 12 ; collections, for religious, benevolent and parish purposes \$100.

The parish owns, besides the church building and lot, a parsonage and about half an acre of ground used as a garden. The indebtedness of the parish is small and will, we hope, soon be liquidated. My salary, (which is \$200 per annum, and the use of the parsonage, equal to \$40,) is always paid on the day it becomes due.

In both temporal and spiritual matters, the parish is apparently prosperous. There are 3 persons here waiting for confirmation, and we trust that God will awaken many more to a sense of their duty in this respect before the end of another year.

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Report of the Rev. Kingston Goddard, Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families about 250 ; baptisms, adults 8, children 23, total 31 ; confirmed 17 ; communicants, present number 250 ; marriages 7 : burials 23 ; public services, on Sundays twice a day ; other days : the weekly lecture and Lenten services, Christmas-day and Thanksgiving-days. There is also a Wednesday evening Bible class conducted by the members of the congregation for mutual edification and improvement. It works well and is decidedly beneficial. The evening of the first Monday in each month is devoted to a missionary meeting, a lecture generally being delivered by the Rector. Children catechized, the church catechism is a text book in the Sunday school ;

Sunday schools, male teachers 21, pupils 200, female 30, pupils 300, infants 2, pupils 100, Bible class, male 1, pupils 12, females taught by Rector 35, total, teachers 54, pupils 647; collections, Episcopal Fund \$25, Convention Fund \$25, contributions to Missions by Sunday schools \$200, Church income \$3300, Communion collection \$400, Organ fund \$2000, balance payment of debt \$1600, through Missionary Society \$1215 85, total \$8765 85.

Our Dorcas Society continues actively engaged during the winter months, providing the poor with hundreds of garments and the children of the Sunday school with garments and shoes. Indebtedness of parish \$10,000 on ground rent. Amount of salary of Rector \$2000, paid.

A large and new organ, at a cost of \$4000, has been lately placed in the church, built by H. Erben, of New York. This instrument is pronounced, by good judges, to be unsurpassed as a church organ by any in the city, and equalled by few. Of it the eminent builder may well feel proud.

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Report of the Rev. James B. Goodwin, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Ohio Township, and Georgetown Church, Beaver County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, OHIO TOWNSHIP.

Baptisms, infants 2; communicants, present number 41; burial 1; public services, on Sundays 20.

### GEORGETOWN CHURCH, GEORGETOWN.

Baptisms, infants 2; confirmed 2; communicants, present number 21; marriages 2; burial 1; public services, on Sundays 44.

There is no property other than the church buildings and lots owned by the parishes; these are free from debt. No stated salary is pledged by the congregations. The amount received the past year, about \$100.

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Report of the Rev. R. D. Hall.

Marriages 2; sermons 61; baptisms, infants 3; burials 4. \* Since his appointment as Chaplain to the Episcopal Hospital in January last, he has officiated frequently on Sundays and week-days, and has discovered the importance of the ministry in that benevolent Institution of the Church.



Report of the Rev. N. S. Harris, Rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, Delaware County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 20, total 22; confirmed 8; communicants, added 14, died or removed 9, present number 76; marriages 6; burials 10; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 10, total 110; children catechized every Sunday; Sunday schools, male and female teachers 17, pupils 115; infant, teachers 1, pupils 85, total, teachers 15, pupils 200; Bible class, teacher 1, pupils 8; collections, Convention Fund \$7 83, Episcopal Fund \$6 61, Missionary and other purposes \$175 56, total \$190; salary \$700; arrears \$100.

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Report of the Rev. John K. Helmuth, Assistant to the Rector of the Church of St. James the Less, Philadelphia.

I have to report that during the past year, I have been engaged in teaching in the Hall of St. James the Less. I have endeavored also, as far as I could, to work among the poor of the parish; I have paid a large number of parish visits and I trust with some good result.—When I began the work there was no record of any kind whatever in the parish, save of those baptized and a list of communicants. I have made very nearly a complete record as the report of the parish will show. In regard to other services I have to report:

Baptisms, children 3; burials, children 2; public services, on Sundays 106, other days 517, total 621; I have preached 38 times since October; have assisted in the Holy Communion 51 times; I have superintended and questioned the children of the Sunday school on every Sunday throughout the year, and have catechized the children of the parish several times in the absence of the Rector. I have no salary from the Church.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Hilton, Rector of St. Paul's church, Kittanning, Armstrong county, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 19, total 20; confirmed 23; communicants, added 9, died or removed 5, present number 92; marriages 3; burials 9; public services, on Sundays 94, other days 10, total 104; children catechized regularly in Sunday school; Sunday school 1, teachers 10, pupils 74; Bible class 1, members 25, taught by the Rector; collections, Convention Fund \$4 40, Diocesan Missionary Society \$40, Missionary and other purposes \$125 62, total \$170 02;



property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish \$550; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive, \$400; arrears of salary, \$45 50.

For the last year this parish has had, for the first time since its organization, some thirty or thirty-five years ago, the whole time and service of its Rector. This arrangement has, through the Divine blessing, been the means of increasing the number of the congregation, and at the present time the state of the parish is very encouraging.

Our weekly lecture, on Thursday evenings, has been well attended, especially by the young, who are the hope of the church, during the winter and spring; and from the devout attention, and earnest heed paid to the things which belong to their eternal peace, it is hoped that some of the seed has fallen on good ground, and will, in due time, bring forth the peaceable fruits of righteousness in their lives.

I have also been much gratified at the more than usual interest manifested by our Bible Class, in the study of the word of God. It is believed, that, through the influence of the Holy Spirit, the affections of many a youthful heart has "suddenly been fixed where true joys are to be found," from this feeble effort to win souls to Christ, and build them up in the knowledge of the way of salvation.

Our Sunday school has also been in full operation during the past year, and though not very large, the attendance of both teachers and pupils has been good, and the teachers seem to take a deep interest in the work in which they are engaged.

Our Female Missionary Society, which was organized about sixteen months ago, is still in operation, though the exceedingly hard times have somewhat lessened the amount of its contributions. During the first year of its existence, it contributed fifty-five dollars to the funds of the Parent Society.

Report of the Rev. M. Hirst, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Minersville, Schuylkill County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 15, adults 40; baptisms, infants 40; confirmed 8; communicants, removed 4, present number 20; marriages 16; burials 10; public services, on Sundays 52, other days 10, total 60; Sunday school 1, teachers 5, pupils 50; collections, Missionary and other purposes \$35, Convention Fund \$2, total \$37.

The parish owns no property except the church edifice; it is free from debt; amount of clergyman's salary \$200. There are no arrears.

Report of the Rev. B. S. Huntingdon, Principal of Aston Ridge Seminary.

I have to report, with humble gratitude, the continuance of the Divine favor and blessing on my field of labor. The prosperity of the school has exceeded that of any former year. A serious interest in religion has been manifested by nearly all the pupils. Three have been confirmed, two baptized, one added to the communion, and others expect to be confirmed in their own parishes.

I have officiated as follows :—At the Seminary, sermons 70 ; lectures and addresses at family worship 180 ; at Media, sermons 20, in other places 18 ; burial 1, at Rockdale ; baptisms, adult 1, at Chester ; collections at the Seminary for Missionary and charitable objects, about \$70.

The services at Media have been held in the court-house, and well attended. About \$1800 have been contributed from various sources for building a church, a most important enterprise, in view of the attractions of the place as a summer residence, and its moral influence as the new county seat.

Report of the Rev. John T. Huntington.

The Rev. John T. Huntington reports that during the past year he has been performing the duties of Assistant Minister at St. James' Church, Philadelphia.

Report of the Rev. Edward C. Jones.

During the past conventional year I have been employed in the same worthy cause which for six years has occupied my time and thoughts. Increasing experience but justifies the conviction that ministrations among the Insane exert a very remedial influence. During the past year a very large number of the insane connected with the Blockley Almshouse has been benefitted both spiritually and intellectually by the quiet services of the Church. In the Children's Asylum my success has been very agreeable. A thorough indoctrination of the scholars (amounting to 1500 in the past year,) in the truths and facts of Revelation has produced good fruit in many of them. Order, seriousness, gentleness, and Christian conduct, are the traits frequently evinced as a proof of the Divine blessing. I can but express the hope that so good a cause, which for the past eight months has received no support from our city churches, may not be allowed to languish and decline, when its claims are so legitimate and sacred.

Report of the Rev. Norris M. Jones, Rector of St. Bartholomews's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 4, infants 41, total 45; funerals 3; marriages 5; Sunday school pupils 250.

Fifty-nine poor families, comprising 224 persons, besides a number of individual cases of destitution, have been assisted and relieved, chiefly from our own resources.

After many delays, the Church edifice is nearly finished, and we expect to open it for public worship in July next. Its cost will be about \$13,000, and it will be entirely free from debt. The Church lot is a donation to us.

It is now over six years since this parish was organized. We had not a dollar pledged to us to begin with, nor was there known to be more than *one* family in the neighborhood (which is sparsely populated) connected with the Church. When the Church is opened, there will be nearly 100 families ready to attend it. About 400 children and youth, from 250 families, have been instructed in the Church catechism and liturgy, and make the responses as well, and sing the chants and anthems of the Church as well, as is done in most of our old city congregations. Into all of these families the prayer-book has been introduced.

Much more could have been accomplished had the Rector had any one to assist him, either of the Clergy or Laity. For what he has been able to effect, he returns his unfeigned thanks to Almighty God.

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Report of the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, D. D., for the Parish of St. Michael's, Wayne township, Armstrong County, and Mission therewith connected, to the 29th of March, 1855.

Congregation, families 76; baptisms, infants 24, confirmed 43; communicants, added 18, died 5, removed 12, present number 101; marriages 2; burials 5; public services on Sundays 73, other days 9, total 82; Sunday School not re-opened for the Spring; property other than Church, &c., none; indebtedness none; amount of salary the clergyman ought to have received \$130, arrears of salary \$69.

The last return of the families composing my mission, included eight at the Great Western Iron Works, since relinquished to the Rector of St. Peter's, Butler. These, with five that have removed, would have made 89, thirteen however having been added still gives the total of 76, as last reported. Fifty-nine persons at the different points of my mission, were ready and desirous of confirmation; but owing to the

distance to be travelled and from other causes, I could only present 43 at the Bishop's visitation last Autumn. It is perhaps worthy of remark that nine candidates from one of the Missionary stations walked, on the evening appointed for confirmation, a distance of twelve miles, and after receiving that holy rite walked home the same evening, to be in time for the next day's labor.

Finding that the exposure and labor incidental to this portion of the vineyard began to wear me down, I was induced to relinquish it, and a well-established female boarding-school, to a young and zealous brother, the Rev. William H. Carter, of New York, and to accept a call to the united parishes of All Saint's, Paradise, and Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster county, to date from 1st of April, 1855, a report for which parishes for the short time I have been in charge is subjoined.

### ALL SAINT'S CHURCH, PARADISE.

Number of families last reported 36, removed 4, added 1, present number 33; baptism, infant 1; communicants not exactly ascertained; marriage 1; burial 1; public services, on Sundays 6, other days 1; Sunday School 1, teachers 10, pupils 40; collections, Episcopal Fund \$4 54, Convention Fund \$5 10, Society Advancement of Christianity \$10 03, other purposes \$25 36, total \$45 03.

Property other than Church, &c., none; I am happy to be able, in this my first report for this parish, to state through its worthy Senior Warden, that it is free from debt. The amount of salary pledged is \$300,  $\frac{1}{10}$ th of which has been kindly advanced.

### CHRIST CHURCH, LEACOCK.

Number of families last reported 37, removed 3, added 1, present number 35; communicants not accurately ascertained; Sunday School 1, teachers 8, pupils 39; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2 19, Convention Fund \$2 72, other purposes \$189 45, total \$194 36; Property other than Church, &c., none; indebtedness none; salary \$150.

The attendance on public worship has been good thus far, and the kindly welcome which has been every where extended to him, satisfies the Rector that he has come among a warm-hearted people, in whose behalf he is most willing to labor. The orderly observance of the Church service and devout manner of the Congregation, show that they have been trained by "a master in Israel."

Report of the Rev. George Kirke, Rector of St. John's Church, New London, and St. James', West Marlborough.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NEW LONDON.

Congregation, families about 17; baptisms, children 2; communicants 23; confirmed 2; burials 4; public services with sermons, on the Lord's day 26, other days 8, total 34; children catechized 6 times; Sunday School 1, teachers 4, pupils 20; Bible class 1, members 8; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2 30, Convention Fund \$2 50, Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society \$2 60, Diocesan Missionary Society \$2 76, Bible Society \$2 72½, Parochial purposes \$6, total \$18 91½.

Church property as stated in the report of the preceding year. The pew-rents amounting to \$65, have been promptly paid, with some generous Christmas donations in addition.

### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WEST MARLBOROUGH.

Services, with sermons on the Lord's day 25, other days 3, total 28; communicants 2; collections, Convention Fund 64 cts., Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society \$1 02, Prayer-Book Society \$1 54, Evangelical Knowledge Society \$1, Parochial purposes \$2 27, total \$6 47. Church property in all respects unchanged.

The Minister of the above-mentioned parishes, has also had 26 services with sermons on the Lord's day, at the Prison of the County; and 26 at the County Poor House, and has made 66 visits to prisoners in their cells in the former place, and 93 to the sick in their rooms in the latter. He has likewise during the year preached near Romansville and at other places 39 times; baptized 2 infants and 1 adult; solemnized 2 marriages, and officiated at 3 funerals.

Report of the Rev. Edmund Leaf, Rector of Christ Church, Pottstown, St. Gabriel's, Morlatton, and St. Michael's, Birdsboro'.

### CHRIST CHURCH, POTTSTOWN.

Congregation, families 36, adults 120, children 40, total 160; baptisms, adults 2, infants 10, total 12; confirmed 2; communicants, added 8, died or removed 2, present number 51; marriages 2; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 90, other days 18, total 108; Sunday school, male teachers 4, female teachers 9, pupils 80; collections, Church Hospital \$11, Christmas Fund \$8, Church building \$15, Missionary and other purposes \$168 81, total \$202 81; salary \$400.]



## ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH, MORLATTON.

Congregation, families 45, adults 250, children 70, total 320; baptisms, adults 4, infants 8, total 12; confirmed 15; communicants, added 15, died or removed 4, present number 72; marriages 4; burials 10; public services, on Sundays 36, other days 16, total 52; Sunday school, male teachers 6, female 11, male pupils 51, female 65, total teachers 17, pupils 116; collections, Missionary and other purposes \$40 50; salary \$150.

## ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BIRDSBORO'.

Congregation, families 25, adults 100, children 50, total 150; baptisms, adults 2, infants and children 8, total 10; confirmed 5; communicants, added 4, removed 2, present number 14; marriage 1; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 38, other days 4, total 42; Sunday school, male teachers 4, female 6, total 10; pupils 54; collections, Missionary \$20, cost of Bell & Fence for Church lot \$500, total \$520, salary \$150.

The number of communicants above reported will be increased by the admission of the persons recently confirmed.

Report of the Rev. M. C. Lightner, Rector of the Parish of Christ Church, Reading, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 131, adults 384, children 246, total 630; baptisms, adults 7, infants 29, total 36; confirmed 26, including 1 in Washington, 2 in Burlington and 1 in Douglasville; marriages 6; burials 11; public services, on Sundays 125, other days 89, total 214; Sunday schools, teachers, male 11, female 15; pupils, male 82, female 85, total, teachers 26, pupils 167; Bible class, female 20; collections, Episcopal Fund \$17 88, Convention Fund \$13 25, Poor \$147 48, Missionary and other purposes \$372 86, total \$551 47. Statistics of Parish same as last year.

Report of the Rev. Samuel T. Lord, Missionary in Crawford County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

During the past year I have regularly officiated in the following places in this county, and have rendered the following services in them, viz: Conneautville 24 times, Richmond and Woodcock each 11 times, Shermansville 21 times, and Riceville 12 times. Three times I have



officiated in Vernon, and in Meadville I have assisted in the services 9 times, and preached 4 times.

Besides these services, I have visited Oakland in Venango County, twice, officiated three times, and baptized one infant; and Franklin, in the same County, once, officiated once, and baptized one infant. Twice during the year I have visited Clarksville, in Mercer County, officiated three times, and baptized one infant; and once I visited Findlay Township, in the same County, and baptized ten children. These are all places where our services would be well received and might be usefully given. The last of these places mentioned is a rural district, inhabited chiefly by Irish families, many of whom have been born and baptized in the Church, and might be retained or brought back, and nourished up in the Church, could they be regularly visited by a faithful, energetic and prudent Missionary.

Baptisms, infants 14; confirmations, none, though three are awaiting that sacred rite, one in Clarksville, one in Franklin, and one in Oakland; communicants 27; public services, on Sundays 85, other times 12, total 97; collections, in Conneautville for the Female Prayer Book Society \$2.

In Oakland Township, Venango County, arrangements have been made by which about twelve acres of land will be deeded to the Corporation of "the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania," whenever I can visit that neighborhood; to be held in trust for the use of a Protestant Episcopal Congregation, in said Oakland Townshis: five acres of said land to be a donation from the venerable Thomas Moffit, (who has long been nearly blind,) his two sons, Robert and Richard Moffit, and David McElhany, the rest of it to be paid for by myself, at the rate of ten dollars per acre. I have borrowed means and paid for six acres, thus making the matter certain, and shall endeavor to visit them soon and complete the entire arrangement. To church-members must I look for means to refund what I have thus borrowed and become resble for.

Report of Rev. Edward Lounsbury, Rector of St. Jude's Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Number of families, about 100; baptisms, adults 5, infants 10, total 15; confirmed 17; communicants, added 57, removed 5, present number 105; marriages 2; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 115, on other days 45, total 160; Sunday school, male 1, teachers 11, pupils 85; female 1, teachers 13, pupils 90, total teachers 24,

pupils 175 ; Bible classes 2, teachers 2, pupils 25 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$12, Convention Fund \$7, Foreign Missions \$37 56, Domestic Missions \$38 56, Episcopal Hospital \$30, Christian Fund \$16, Sunday schools \$50, Communion Fund \$172 17, for Missionary and other purposes, (of which by Sunday schools \$75, by Ladies Mite Society \$200,) \$345 55, total \$708 84.

The parish owns no property other than the church edifice, which, in its present unfinished state, has cost a little over \$13,000, and is free from debt.

Rector's salary \$1200, which, with *model promptness*, is always punctually paid in advance.

Report of the Rev. Edward L. Lycett, Rector of Bangor Church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown, Berks county.

### BANGOR CHURCH, CHURCHTOWN.

Families and parts of families 28, adults 70, children 30 ; baptisms, infants 3 ; communicants, added 2, present number 18, died or removed since last report 17 ; burials 1 ; Sunday services 53, other days 2 ; Sunday schools, teachers 4, scholars 50, collections, Diocesan Missionary Association \$10, Foreign Missions \$33 50, Convention Fund \$4 50, total \$48 ; salary \$300, no arrears.

The undersigned took charge of this parish, as Deacon, Easter, 1854. From records on hand it has evidently once been a flourishing country Parish. Death—but more especially removals—have now thinned the Parish to a very great extent ; within a comparatively short period, no less than twelve influential families having gone from the neighborhood. The Parish has been compelled thus to unite with St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown. The present Rector has formed an adult Bible Class, which has been well attended throughout the winter. He has also preached at school-houses and other places, on week days, upon an average three times a month, throughout the year.

The attendance on public worship, as well as at these more social services is, in proportion to the congregation, very good. I have been provided (in addition to my salary,) with a fine house and garden, and have received besides very substantial aid from members of the Parish.

### ST. THOMAS', MORGANTOWN.

Families and parts of families 40, adults 120, children 60 ; baptisms, infant 1 ; confirmed 1 ; communicants, added 1, present num-

ber 30 ; marriage 1 ; burials 4 ; public services, on Sunday 48, other days 2 ; Sundays schools, teachers 8, scholars 70 ; collections, Diocesan Missionary Association \$5, for Missions \$6 50, Convention Fund \$3, Ministers salary \$200. I have received in addition \$50 from individuals for my own use.

There is a parsonage belonging to this Parish, now yielding a rent of \$100 per annum. There is a trifling debt yet remaining upon it which will soon be paid off. We are encouraged in this Parish by an increased attendance on the public services, and at Easter of the present year several of the pews were rented in addition to those already taken.

The Rector has an Adult Bible Class through the week, for about six months during the year, the members of which attend regularly, and appear to be both interested and profited.

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Report of the Rev. James Gilborne Lyons, LL. D., West Haverford, Delaware county, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

During the past year, the Rev. Dr. Lyons has officiated and preached in public on several occasions. He has also many times taken a part in administering the Holy Communion. He has read the full morning service, with a sermon, in his own school-room, each Sunday, while the school was in session, and he has always devoted a portion of that day to the Scriptural and Catechetical instruction of his pupils.

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Report of the Rev. J. Gordon Maxwell, Rector of Emmanuel church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 23, total 26 ; confirmed 17 ; communicants, added 71, present number 271 ; marriages 6 ; burials 5 ; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 52, total 156 ; children catechized from 200 to 300, times, monthly, openly in the church ; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 11, pupils 93 ; female teachers 13, pupils 122 ; infant 1, teachers 3, pupils 55 ; schools 2, teachers 27, pupils 270 ; Bible classes 2, members 47, teachers 2 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$15, Convention Fund 5, Diocesan Missionary Society \$110, Missionary and other purposes \$328, total \$558 ; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive, \$1000 ; arrears of salary, \$94 75.

The congregation is engaged at present in enlarging its church edifice, at an expense of some \$10,000, and this in conjunction with the severity of the times, will explain the falling off in Missionary and other contributions.

Report of the Rev. J. J. McElhinny, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 30, total members 130 ; Baptisms, adult 4, infants 7, total 11 ; confirmed 6 ; communicants, added 7, removed 3, present number 44 ; marriages 2 ; burials 6 ; public services, on Sundays 87, other days 3, total 90 ; Sunday school, male and female 1, teachers 15, pupils 100, catechized monthly ; collections, Christmas fund \$1 75, Diocesan Missionary Society \$35, other objects \$4 65, total \$41 40 ; salary \$250, paid in full.

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Report of the Rev. George D. Miles, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families about 100, adults 229, children 195, total 424 ; baptisms, adults 3, infants 21, total 24 ; confirmed 10 ; communicants, added 7, died or removed 3, present number 106 ; marriages 4 ; burials 17 ; public services, on Sundays 106, other days 47, total 153 ; I have also preached at places in the neighborhood, at convocations, &c., making in all 167 sermons ; the children have been catechised upon an average once a month ; one general Sunday school, scholars 125, teachers 16 ; one branch Sunday school at South Wilkesbarre, scholars 60, teachers 12 ; infant school, scholars 60, teacher 1, total under instruction 260, teachers 31 ; Bible classes 2, members 15, teachers 2 ; collections, Episcopal fund \$20, Convention fund \$15, Missionary Society \$50, Missionary and other purposes \$549 61, total \$634 61.

The following are the other objects for which appropriations have been made : Foreign Missions \$228 02 (of this sum \$123 02 was raised by the Sunday school, and \$100 of which was collected in nineteen Sundays, for the mission school building at Buchanan, West Africa). Church building \$70, Theological Seminary, Va. \$25, Prayer book societies \$16, Domestic Missions (through Missionary associations for the West,) \$50, Christmas fund \$25, Sunday school purposes \$37-50, convocation purposes \$10, Evangelical Knowledge Society \$27 20, Communion offertory \$60 89.

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish, a lot for parsonage, the cost of which was about \$1000 ; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$850 ; no arrears.

The new Church was consecrated on Thursday, April 19th. A description of the building was given in the last report. The cost of the building was about \$11,000. The furnishing and finishing, including

the organ and the fence, will amount to \$2500 more, making the whole cost \$13,500, within a few dollars. We are indebted for its early completion, to a temporary loan from a few friends in Philadelphia, which has been individually assumed, and the larger portion of it has already been provided for in the sale and disposal of pews. The most of the amount for furnishing has been raised by the Ladies' Society of the parish, which has been aided by some generous donations of particular articles from individual friends.

### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PITTSTON.

Twenty-two services have been held in this parish during the past conventional year. There are from 20 to 25 families either identified with, or expressing a preference for, our Church; communicants 7; baptisms, adult 1, infants 5, total 6; marriages 2; Sunday school, children 50, teachers 9.

The services are rendered voluntarily by the Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, but the congregation have recently made the liberal donation of \$127. Efforts will be made this present year to build a Church, assistance for which will be asked from abroad. \$500 are already subscribed in the borough.

### PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY.

No regular organization has been effected, but six services have been held during the past conventional year. There are 10 or 12 families attending, and the number will be increased as soon as a church building is erected. The sum of \$1300 has already been subscribed in the town for this purpose; and aid for this effort will also be asked from abroad. When the position of these places is understood, being in the midst of the great coal region of Pennsylvania, and increased yearly by a population drawn here by the opening trade, there is great confidence that what we need will be secured. There are 4 communicants here (attached at present to St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, though the families are not enumerated in the report of that Church).

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Report of the Rev. D. S. Miller, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Frankford, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregations, families 145 ; baptisms, adults 11, infants 20, total



31; confirmed 39; communicants, added 52, died, removed and dropped from former list because not found in two years past, 11, making present number of communicants 160; marriages 2; burials 27; public services, Sunday services 111, week-day services 88, total 199; children catechized monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 12, pupils 95; female 1, teachers 16, pupils 125; infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 125; total schools 3, teachers 30, pupils 345; Bible classes 3, members 56; collections, Episcopal and Convention funds \$20, Diocesan Missionary Society \$100, other missionary and charitable objects \$824 75, other church purposes \$1059, total, \$2003 75; property as before reported; indebtedness of Church, none; salary \$800, arrears none.

The Parish has been much favored during the past year in both temporal and spiritual growth. The attendance upon the extra and week day services has been very encouraging. Much interest appears to be felt in religious things. There is a constant inquiry for pews by families who have to be refused.

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Report of the Rev. George Mintzer, Rector of the Parish of St. James' Church, Perkiomen, Montgomery County.

Congregations, families about 63, adults 250, children 125, total 375; baptisms, children 13; communicants, added 4, died 2, present number 78; marriages 4; burials 3; confirmed 4; children catechized in the church and also in the Sunday school; public services, on Sundays 52, other days 5, total 57; Sunday school, teachers 8, pupils 60; collection, Episcopal Fund \$5, Convention Funds \$6 83, Missionary \$10, Christmas \$5 37, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$6, total \$33 20. The property owned by the Parish is a Parsonage, with about fifty acres of land, free from debt. The amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive \$300; amount in arrears for repairs and tax for the Parsonage \$100 60.

The Rector continues to perform Divine Service as heretofore at the Union Church, every Sunday afternoon, to quite an interesting congregation. This Church is principally indebted for its support to the generosity of one benevolent family, whose pious ancestor originally erected the building in which we worship. May they be long spared to cherish this enterprise commenced for the glory of God, and which has already been a rich blessing to many in the community; and here may the comfortable gospel of Christ be truly preached and truly received for many generations to come. Nine of the baptisms reported above were performed in this Church. For services here he receives \$300.

Report of the Rev. W. W. Montgomery, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, St. Mark's, Northumberland, and Christ Church, Milton, Northumberland County.

Congregation, families 22, adults 53, children 38, total 91; baptisms, infants 5, total 5; confirmed 2; communicants 25; marriages 3; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 45, other days 32, total 77; Sunday school 1, teachers 8, male scholars 35, female scholars 40, total 75, collections, Convention Fund \$3 43, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$6 54, Christmas Fund \$7 50, Building Fund \$5, Parochial Purposes \$44 21, total \$66 68.

Besides Church building and lot, the parish owns a brick building for the use of the Sunday school, erected, during the past year, on the church lot. The building has cost \$650, all of which is paid. For a part of the amount we are indebted to many friends in Philadelphia. Our Parish Church is free of debt. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive is \$200, of which amount, together with what is yet due from former years, \$190 are in arrears.

#### ST. MARK'S CHURCH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

Congregation, families and parts of families 10, adults 12, children 29, total 41; baptisms, infants 4: confirmed 3; communicants 10; burials 6; public services, on Sundays 40, other days 14, total 54; Sunday school 1, teachers 3, male scholars 10, female scholars 25, total 35; collections, Convention Fund \$2 15, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$3 06, Christmas Fund \$3, Building Fund \$2 66, Parochial purposes \$15 03; total \$25.

The Parish owns no property besides the Church building and lot. The Church is entirely free of debt, and the salary of the clergyman (\$100) is always regularly paid.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, MILTON.

During the past year I have continued to officiate in this Church once a month. Services on Sundays 13, other days 2; families and parts of families 10, adults 16, children 16, total 32; marriages 1; communicants 12; collections for Soc. Adv. Christianity \$8 16. No property owned by parish other than Church building and lot. The church is free of debt. The clergyman receives no regular salary.

Report of the Rev. B. Wistar Morris, Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk.

Congregation, families 170; baptisms, adults 4, infants 55, total 59; confirmed 16; communicants, added 26, died or removed 14,

stricken off for long continued neglect 8, present number 134; marriages 11, burials 32; public services on Sundays 104, other days 14, total 118; children catechized monthly in the Church; Sunday school 1; teachers 25, pupils 250; collections, Parish Library Association \$10, Convention Fund \$10, Prayer Book and Tract Societies \$10, Christmas Fund \$7 50, for the use of the Sunday-school of the Parish \$100 39, Charities of the Parish \$120 23, for introducing Gas into the Church and other purposes \$207 95, total \$467 07. Amount of indebtedness of the Parish \$350. Rector's Salary \$750. No arrears.

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Report of the Rev. Jacob B. Morss, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 55, adults 120, children 150; total 270; baptisms, adult 1, children 6, total 7; confirmed 12; communicants, added 12, died or removed 4, present number 55; marriages 5; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 94, other days 44, total 138; children catechized monthly publicly in the Church; Sunday schools 2, male and female teachers 10, pupils about 70; collections, Episcopal fund \$10, Convention fund \$8, Easter offering for Church building \$4 50, Society for Advancement of Christianity \$15, Christmas fund \$11 51, Domestic and Foreign Missions, and other contributions and alms \$175.

Property of the Church continues the same as reported for the past three years, viz. : the edifice and adjoining land, which is free from all incumbrance of debt; rector's salary also remains the same and is promptly paid.

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Report of the Rev. H. J. Morton, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Families, communicants, Sunday schools, Parish school and scholars, about the same as last year; baptisms 25, adults 2, infants 23; confirmed 11; marriages 9; communicants added to list 14, many others joined whose names have not been handed in; services twice on every Sunday and once on all festivals and holy days, on every day in Lent, and on all Wednesdays and Fridays; children catechized in Church every month, about 120 attend.

Collections, Episeopal and Convention Fund \$189 70, Domestic and Foreign Mission \$230 80, Advancement and Prayer Book Society \$136, paroehial and other purposes \$2025 88, total \$2582 38.

A night school for apprentices and young men, has been taught three nights in the week during winter, by the assistant minister and several members of the congregation, visited and addressed by the Rector, and upwards of 150 have attended to receive instruction, many exhibiting great interest in the studies, and manifesting marked improvement; about 70 have also attended on Sunday evenings in a hose-house hired for the purpose, where they have been taught their moral and religious duties, and instructed in singing the Psalms and Chants of the Church, by the assistant minister. An effort is now making to purchase a suitable building for Sunday and Parish schools, which have heretofore been in a great degree dependent upon accommodations hired for their use. The effort promises to be entirely successful.

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Report of the Rev. John K. Murphy, Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale, and St. John's Church, Concord, Delaware County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

### CALVARY CHURCH, ROCKDALE.

Congregation, families removed 12, added 8, present number 53; baptisms, adult 1, infants 25, total 26; confirmed 3; communicants, added 6, died and removed 5, present number 47; marriages 10; funerals 24; public services, on Sundays 51, other days 55, total 106; children catechized, Sunday school monthly, Parish school weekly; Sunday school 1, teachers 15, pupils 130; Parish week-day school, pupils 36; collections, Missions \$17, Offertory, with speeial contributions for the poor, \$52 82; other collections have been made, but necessity has obliged us to appropriate them exclusively to meet the current expenses of the Church, their amount the Rector does not know; amount of salary promised \$400, paid \$295 79.

The very frequent removals from the parish, during the year, of prominent supporters, as well as the embarrassed state of affairs in the factories of the place, where most of our people find employment, will account mainly for the unfavorable character of the last item. Notwithstanding present appearances, many indications lead us to hope, that there is a bright future in store for the parish. A railroad is nearly completed, which will connect us directly with the city, and several church people have proposed already to make Rockdale their place of residence, at least during a part of the year. Their influ-

ence, interest and assistance, will certainly tend to encourage and strengthen us, in our still slow and feeble progress.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CONCORD.

Congregation, families 30 ; baptisms, infants 3 ; confirmed 3 ; communicants, added 6, present number 34 ; marriage 1 ; funerals 3 ; public services, on Sundays 51, other days 3, total 54 ; collections, Convention fund \$5, Offertory \$35 12, for current expenses \$68 72, for special parochial objects \$102 80, for erecting additional sheds \$200 ; salary, promised \$270, paid \$239.

The congregation steadily worshipping with us is gradually increasing in number and interest. The Rector cannot refrain from here acknowledging the very many substantial tokens of their attachment to him, which have made up in the aggregate far more than the deficiency in the salary just noted.

Report of the Rev. S. Nash, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Blairsville, and Christ Church, Indiana.

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BLAIRSVILLE.

Baptisms, infants 2 ; burials 2 ; collections, for Convention Fund \$2 02 ; paid over to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missionary Society by Ladies' Missionary Association, about \$36.

One communicant has removed, none have been added since the last report. The condition of the Parish has not essentially changed.

### CHRIST CHURCH, INDIANA.

Baptism, infant 1 ; communicants 7, two of whom are about to remove ; collections, for Convention Fund \$2 98 ; services have been continued as last year in the Lutheran house of worship.

A small Sunday school has been kept up in the Rector's private room (for want of another). But a new, beautiful and convenient Church Edifice is nearly completed, which will be ready for consecration early in July, when the congregation and Sunday school will be much more satisfactorily accommodated.



Report of the Rev. George W. Natt, Rector of St. Andrews' Church, Mantua, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 28, adults 60, children 62, total 122; baptisms, infants 28; confirmed 1; communicants, added 1, died or removed 2, present number 27; marriages 1; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 61, other days 41, total 102; children catechized, the Sunday school monthly; Sunday school 1, male teachers 2, female teachers 9, pupils 100; collections, Episcopal Fund \$3 62½, Convention Fund \$2 31¼, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$8 50, Missionary and other purposes \$189 54.

No property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, no indebtedness. Amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive, \$500 per annum, no arrears.

On the 23d of June, the church was consecrated, all indebtedness having been previously discharged. What had once been devoted to the Lord, but, afterwards, had been allowed to be alienated, has thus been restored to its true owner and its sacred use. As a thank-offering to Him who builded the house, the collection made at the administration of the Holy Communion, on the consecration day, amounting to \$167 50, commenced a fund for the erection of a school-house for the parish.

Since the end of January last, the Rector has been disabled by sickness. The Sunday services have been uninterruptedly continued, by the assistance of clerical brethren acting in the spirit of the injunction, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Report of the Rev. Richard Newton, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philad.

Baptisms, adults 8, infants 27, total 35; confirmed 19, communicants, added 27, died or removed 7, present number 430; marriages 20; burials 29; public services, on Sundays 102, other days 130, total 232; children catechized every month; Sunday schools, male 2 teachers 23, scholars 190; female 3, teachers 41, scholars 360, total, schools 5, teachers 64, scholars 550; Bible classes 2, pupils 40.

Collections, Episcopal Fund \$1 50, Convention Fund \$40, Missionary and other purposes \$5110; total \$5300; Rector's salary \$2500, paid punctually.

Of the above sum contributed for benevolent purposes, \$1600 were raised by the Sunday schools of the parish, which shows what powerful auxiliaries the children of our churches may be made to the cause of Missions, when properly trained and instructed therein. The Sun-

day schools of this parish are contributing \$500 per annum towards a single object in the department of Foreign Missions; they are furnishing the whole amount of the missionary stipend of a clergyman in the interior of our own state, and within the past year they have also undertaken the support of a Mission Sunday School in a destitute part of our city below the Navy Yard. Here an interesting school is in operation under the care of the Rev. George A. Latimer, the assistant minister of St. Paul's. Public worship is also held at this place, on Sunday and Tuesday evenings, for the benefit of those in the neighborhood, who are not reached by the ministrations of the Gospel in any other way. If each of our city churches should select some destitute point in the wide suburbs of our city, and direct their prayers and sympathies and efforts to it, till the elevating and sanctifying influences of the Gospel were emanating thence to act on the surrounding neighborhood, how much good might be accomplished.

An experiment of an interesting character has been tried in this parish during the year past, which has been eminently successful, to wit: the holding of a monthly service for the benefit of the children of the congregation. Impressed with the significancy of our Saviour's injunction—"Feed my lambs," and feeling that in the ordinary public services of the sanctuary, there was little or nothing designed or adapted to be food for the lambs of the flock, it was resolved to test the practicability of a stated public service, arranged with reference to this most interesting portion of a pastor's charge. The afternoon of the first Sunday in the month was set apart for this purpose. On these occasions, at the usual hour for the afternoon service, the children of the Sunday Schools occupy the main body of pews; the usual service is performed and a sermon preached adapted especially to the capacities of the young. These exercises have been found highly interesting and profitable to the children; while the adult portion of the congregation have manifested scarcely less interest in them than those for whose benefit they are especially intended. Indeed the remark was made not long since, by one of the most shrewd, practical and intelligent business men in the community, who has been a regular attendant on these services, that "the sermons to the children were the only sermons he really understood." How suggestive a remark to those whose thoughts are given continually to the preparation of sermons? This service does not supersede the regular public catechizing of the children once a month, and is additional to a monthly Missionary meeting held among the children, in which they are furnished with information adapted to interest their minds and hearts in the great work of spreading the blessed Gospel through our fallen world. A

single incident may be mentioned here to show how easily and yet how powerfully the minds and hearts of children may be enlisted in the work of Christian benevolence, when rightly informed in reference thereto. Each class in the schools connected with this Church, constitutes a little Missionary society, and makes its regular contributions according to the ability and disposition of the members of it. Not long since a new class was formed of children of the poorest class, gathered in from St. Mary and Baker streets. They had to be stripped of their rags and furnished with decent clothing, before they were fit to enter the school. In consequence of their extreme poverty nothing was said to them of any collection. After being in the school a short time, the desire was earnestly expressed to have a Missionary box in their class. Their teacher said she thought they would have no money to give; "O yes," said one of them, "we sometimes get pennies to buy cakes, and we would like to save them." But do you know what this money is given for?" "To send to poor children." "And do you think there are children poorer than yourselves?" "Ah! yes, there are those who have no Bibles, and none to tell them the way to Heaven."

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Newton, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

Congregation, families holding pews 42; baptisms, adults 2; confirmed 2; marriages 2; funerals 1; communicants, added 12, present number 90; Sunday school, male teachers 6, female 7, scholars 100; Bible class (congregational) 40. No arrears of salary.

The present Rector has been in charge of this from the commencement of the present year. This report is, therefore, defective in many points. He cannot, however, permit this opportunity to pass by without saying how much he feels encouraged by the opening prospects of the Parish, and of the entire willingness of his people to unite with him in every good work. In simple dependence on God's blessing he looks for large results.

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Report of the Rev. W. H. Odenheimer, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation about 250 families; baptisms, adults 8, infants 99, total 107; confirmed, in private and public 48; communicants, added 26, died or removed 15, present number 387; marriages 23; burials 57; public services, on Sundays 108, other days 691, Christ

Church Hospital 26, total 825; children catechized in the church, on the last Sunday in the month, and on Fridays and the Holy Days; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 4, pupils 35; female 1, teachers 29, pupils 145; infant school 1, teachers 7, pupils 47; day school 1, teachers 2, pupils 122; Bible and catechetical classes 2, members 115; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150; Convention Fund \$50; Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$400; Missionary and other purposes \$5,407 03, total \$6,007 03; charities specially parochial, and not included in the above collections, \$5,78 34. Statistics of Parish—Property, &c., see last report; amount of indebtedness, none; amount of salary, &c., \$2700; arrears of salary, none.

The Rector states with satisfaction, that during the past year, in addition to the amount reported above under the head of *Collections*, the members of the congregation have contributed upwards of \$12,000 to free the church from debt, and for other parochial purposes.

St. Peter's House, a temporary Home for a limited number of needy communicants, has been in vigorous operation, sustained chiefly by the liberality of a generous lady of the Parish.

Report of the Rev. F. Ogilby, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philad'a.

Baptisms 23; confirmed 10; married 6; buried 11; communicants 173. I have again this year reduced the list of my communicants, by dropping the names of those who do not hold seats in the Church, and with whom I have no other pastoral relation than that of a mere casual attendance. *Eleven* communicants have been added, *six* have died or removed.

We have 13 teachers in our Sunday school, and as many scholars as they can properly attend to. This department of the Parish is only limited by the difficulty of obtaining proper teachers, especially for boys. The Sunday school is most faithfully and admirably conducted.

During this year we have established also a Parish School, which is in most successful operation. There are now 38 scholars in it. There is also, partly under the rector's supervision, another school, which is doing good work for the church. The children of both schools are catechized publicly in the church every Wednesday morning. Services on Sundays 104, week days 71.

Since I have assumed the Rectorship of this Parish we have cleared off debts, and expended in improvements to the amount of \$12,200.

Report of the Rev. Wm. H. Paddock, District Missionary in West Pennsylvania,  
for the year ending May 1st, 1855,

In addition to the duty rendered the Churches hereinafter named, he has visited more or less, mainly on week-days, in Armstrong, Beaver, Cambria, Erie, and Indiana Counties; that he has married one couple, baptized 5 children, and preached or held service 41 times.

### CHRIST CHURCH, GREENSBURG, WESTMORELAND Co.

Congregation, families 34, adults 84, children 49, total 133; baptisms, infants 5; confirmed 7; communicants, added 13, removed 4, present number 47; burial 1; public services, twice on alternate Sundays till 1st November, every Sunday since; children catechized frequently; Sunday school teachers 8, pupils, males 15, females 25, total 40; collections, Sunday school \$5, Convention fund \$6, Alms \$22 40, Bishop White Parish Library \$5, Domestic Missions \$5, Diocesan Missions \$50, Christmas fund \$4 23, Benevolent objects within the parish \$192, Parochial objects \$266 62, total \$556 25.

The Rector is happy to record a marked manifestation of the Divine goodness in the improved state of this parish. Four years ago, in his first Report, he spoke of the Parish as laboring under a "feeling of great discouragement," the Church edifice as "almost in ruins," and his first service in it like "singing the Lord's song in a strange land."

A year ago, was erected, on a more commanding site than the former one, a new brick edifice 30 by 72, the style, with exception of its corner tower and spire, very similar to the new Trinity Chapel, New York. It is pronounced one of the most beautiful Churches in Western Pennsylvania, for which the Parish is greatly indebted to Mr. Caleb Cope, of Philadelphia. The design is by Mr. W. P. Marshall, of Pittsburgh. Individuals having assumed the payment of the balance necessary for its completion, the Bishop consecrated it. Semi-monthly service was then entered upon, instead of a monthly service as before. The congregations, and interest in the service increasing, a salary was thereby obtained for the support of an Assistant Minister, when, in November last, the first time in a quarter of a century, the full regular services of the Church were commenced and sustained. The result has been, within the last four years, an increase more than double in the congregation, and nearly that of communicants, and five-fold in the amount of collections for Church objects.

The Rector takes this opportunity, also, of recording the faithful as-



sistance both of the Sunday school teachers, and of the Ladies' Missionary Society; and the earnest and acceptable labors of his Assistant, the Rev. Fayette Durlin, not only in the parishes at Christ Church, Etna, and East Liberty, but at the County Poor House.

### ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, ETNA, ALLEGHENY COUNTY,

Was organized December 13, 1854, Sunday afternoon service having been held from the first of November previous. The following Sunday the Sunday school was organized, with an attendance of some 24 pupils. Under the faithful and judicious management of its Superintendent, the Junior Warden, it has increased four fold. Service is held each Sunday afternoon in the German Lutheran Church, which has been secured for the purpose half of the time, and neatly fitted up for our worship, at the expense of the proprietor of the place.

Etna, mainly a village of operatives connected with Spang & Co.'s Rolling Mill, is situated on the banks of the Allegheny river, five miles out of Pittsburgh, and is divided from Sharpsburg, a place of one thousand inhabitants, by a small stream of water only. Here Protestantism has but a feeble existence. Irish and German Roman Catholics have each a large church. Under these circumstances there is cause for thankfulness that the efforts of the proprietor for the welfare of his people, have thus far been crowned with success.

Congregation, average attendance 75; communicants, (at the Communion service 17,) probably 10 Episcopalians; Sunday school, teachers 10, pupils 95, average attendance 60; collections, Sunday school \$5 50, Pennsylvania Female Prayer Book Society \$4 54, Bibles, Library, &c., for Sunday school \$22 50, Foreign Missions \$11 62, Parochial objects \$150, total \$194 22.

### CALVARY CHURCH, EAST LIBERTY, ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

East Liberty is but fifteen minutes ride from Pittsburgh, by seven passenger trains, Pennsylvania Railroad, each way daily. It is already populous, more eligibly situated for residences than any other of the city environs, and is fast filling up with the families of substantial business men. Having rented of the German Lutherans their house of worship, we commenced our services on the first Sunday in January last. Greatly encouraged at the large and increasing congregation, the Parish of Calvary Church was organized on the 23d of January, and on the first Sunday in May following, the Sunday school, also, with 18 pupils and 4 teachers.

The Vestry have arranged a Chancel and Vestry room, and in part painted the interior of the Church, while the ladies of the congregation have carpeted the aisles, chancel and vestry-room, curtained the windows, and otherwise adorned it.

Congregation, estimated at 200; baptism, infant 1; confirmed 2; communicants 13; Sunday school, teachers 6, pupils 30; public services every Sunday morning; collections, alms \$8 80, melodeon \$75, repairing, painting and furnishing the Church, &c., amount not certain, but estimated \$232, total \$315 80.

Report of the Rev. George L. Platt, Rector of the Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 110, adults 270, children 330, total 600; baptisms, infants 83; confirmed 7; communicants, added 14; died or removed 8, present number 106; marriages 13; burials 22; public services, on Sundays 118, other days 32, total 150; children catechized and addressed 8 times; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 9, pupils 100; female 1, teachers 12, pupils 120; infant 2, teachers 2, pupils 110; total, schools 4, teachers 23, pupils 330; Bible classes 2, members 20, teachers 2; collections, Episcopal fund \$5 59, Convention fund \$1 41, Missionary, charitable, and other purposes \$621 59, total \$628 59. This includes \$100 sent by one unknown in aid of the poor in the neighborhood; property other than the Church building and lot owned by parish, Sunday school building and lot; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish, \$600 for current expenses, to which may be added \$300 indebtedness to the improvement fund of the church; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$900.

The congregation in attendance has improved. The income of the Church during the last six months, has also increased; and, though not yet meeting the annual expenditure, there are better evidences than at any time before, of a well-sustained effort. The confirmation was held six months after the preceding year; a class is soon to be presented. The Dorcas Society, during the last trying winter, very much extended its benevolent labors. The want of sufficient income from pew rents and collections, has been a serious embarrassment to the Church. If the expense for some needed improvements could be incurred, the Church would more generally commend itself to the wants of a growing neighborhood. With no debt on the Church property, valued at \$16,000, with an improved class of dwellings going up in its proximity, and with other elements of success, is it not reasonable

to hope that the friends of Church extension will not let this enterprise languish, for the want of moderate assistance during the coming twelve or eighteen months?

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Report of the Rev. J. B. Pradt, Missionary in Potter and McKean Counties.

The undersigned, as a Missionary in Potter County of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, reports that he has been engaged in the duties of his mission during the past seven months; services have been held regularly on Sunday at Coudersport, the county-seat. A respectable congregation has been gathered, a parish has been organized and incorporated, and is now ready to ask admission to union with the Diocese.

The communion has been once administered, and 1 marriage and 2 burials attended. The children of the congregation are instructed in the catechism each Sunday. The mission here has been undertaken under auspices which with the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, gives promise of good success. Monthly services are now extended by the undersigned to Smithport, the county-seat of the neighboring County of McKean, where are several members of the Church, and where exists a favorable opening for the permanent establishment of her services.

The undersigned thankfully acknowledges the receipt of Prayer-Books, Tracts and Books for a Parish Library, for the Rector's use, contributed by the Bishop White and the Female Prayer-Book Societies, from the Episcopal Female Tract Society, and from the Bishop White Parish Library Association.

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Report of the Rev. A. Pryor, Rector of St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 37, adults 80, children 50, total 130; baptisms, adult 1, infants 13, total 14; confirmed 6; communicants, added 4, died or removed 11, present number 27; marriages 4; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 52, other days 4, total 56; children catechized at every opportunity; Sunday School 1, teachers 5, pupils 40; Bible class 1, members 7; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2 25, Convention Fund \$4, Society Advancement of Christianity \$6, Missionary and other purposes \$269 63, total \$281 88.

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the par-

ish, none; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the parish about \$1500.

Since entering upon the mission I have received the following sums and from the following sources :

From the Rev. Mr. Washburn, being the amount of an appropriation from Trinity Sunday School \$25, from Edward O. Parry, Esq., of Pottsville, through the Advancement Society of Pennsylvania \$37 50, from the Missionary Society of Trinity Church, Pottsville, \$106 50, from St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven, \$125, from Mission at Heckcherville \$48, from the Advancement Society of Pennsylvania \$150, total \$491.

During the past year my relations to the Parish at Schuylkill Haven have somewhat changed, and in consequence the above report embraces but a portion of my labors and their results for the year ending May 1st, 1855. Up to the Spring of '54, I had been actively engaged in the occupation of teaching, and in devoting what time could be spared from this laborious occupation to the discharge of Parochial duties in the Parish of Schuylkill Haven, and in the performance of Missionary duty at Heckcherville in Cass Township. Early in April of last year, I relinquished my school with a view to devote the whole of my time to the work of the ministry, and to the performance of missionary labor in such parts of the Schuylkill Basin not already occupied as could be practically cultivated by a single Missionary.

After having explored my allotted field of labor, I have established three parts or centres of influence, where I officiate statedly in connection with my Parish at Schuylkill Haven, and visit all the families in the neighborhood of these points not in communion with other religious denominations. Of these, St. Clair presents an encouraging field for missionary effort. This town is situated in the centre of a rich coal field, and has a population numbering at least 4000, many of whom are English and favorably disposed towards our Church. The Church of the Holy Apostles, organized in the year '47, but subsequently abandoned and service discontinued, has been revived by the united labors of the Rev. Mr. Washburn, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, and myself, and a congregation growing in size and interest has been collected, and weekly services regularly continued. The Church commenced and the corner stone laid on the 8th of October last, is now enclosed, and it is hoped will be finished in the course of the coming Summer. It is built of plank in the Gothic style, and when completed will be a neat, chaste and commodious edifice, creditable to its friends and patrons as well as an ornament to St. Clair. Connected with the mission are 30 families and over 60 children. I

officiate here every Thursday evening and every second Sunday in the afternoon. Among other acts of Parish duty here, I have baptized 6 children and attended 2 funerals.

At Heckehersville I continue to officiate every second Sunday in the afternoon. There are about 25 families connected with this mission, and a Sunday School numbering about 35 pupils. In addition to the above named places, I have preached and performed missionary labor at Cressonville, one mile west of Westwood, and have also preached four times in the Arcadian Institute at Orwicksburg, besides making about one thousand visits to families within the limits of my mission, and distributed among them books, tracts, &c. I have preached 140 times, baptized 29 children and 1 adult, and attended 8 funerals.

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Report of the Rev. Charles W. Quick, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh, Alleghany County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, adults 9, infants 8, total 17; confirmed 17; marriages 8; funerals 13; communicants, died 2, removed 5, added 28, present number 97; public services, on Sundays 104, on other occasions 13, total 117; Sunday School teachers 14, average number of scholars in attendance every Sunday 80; collections for charitable purposes \$125.

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Report of the Rev. Samuel Randall, Rector of St. James' Church, Pittsburgh, Alleghany County, for the year ending May 13th, 1855.

Congregation, families 56; baptisms, infants 24; confirmed 18; communicants, added 25, died or removed 6, present number 59; marriages 3; burials 6; children catechized monthly; Sunday school, scholars 136, Bible class, members 48, teachers 18; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive \$800.

The congregation is still worshipping in a temporary place. The new church edifice—the foundation of which was laid in September, 1853—will be ready for the congregation in the month of August. The fact, that when finished, the church edifice will be free from debt, is mainly owing to the great liberality of a single individual.



Report of the Rev. William Porter Ray, Rector of St. James' Church, Downingtown, Chester County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 39, adults 130; baptisms, adults 5, infants 11, total 16; confirmed 2; communicants, added 3, died or removed 1, present number 42; marriages 4; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 70, other days 1, total 71; Sunday schools, male teachers 2, pupils 16; female teachers 6, pupils 30; infant, teachers 2, pupils 16; Bible class, members 9, total 71; collections, Sunday school \$10 71, Convention Fund \$5.

The parish owns a rectory; debt on the church \$350, on rectory \$650, total \$1000. The salary of the Rector is \$300 per annum, exclusive of the use or rental of the rectory. There are no arrears.

Report of the Rev. James W. Robins.

The Rev. James W. Robins respectfully reports that since his ordination to the Diaconate on Trinity Sunday, (June 11th,) 1854, he has been engaged in performing the duties of Assistant to the Rector of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia.

Report of Rev. J. Rodney, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, May, 1855.

Families 120, adults and children 600; communicants, added 47, died or removed and transferred 29, leaving 218; marriages 8; burials 16, baptisms, children 14, adults 2, total 16; confirmed 6; Sunday schools, teachers 20, pupils 160; services 150 during the year; collections, for various Religious and Charitable objects \$550, raised and expended for parish purposes \$500, total \$1050; salaries of the Rector and Assistant Minister \$1850, which is always punctually paid.

Report of the Rev. J. Rudderow, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 39, total 40; confirmed 8; communicants, added 20, died or removed 16, ceased to commune 6, present number 44; marriages 5; burials 10; public services, on Sundays 103, other days 29, total 132; Sunday school teachers, male 3, female 3, total 6; pupils, from 85 to 100, male and female an equal number;

Bible classes, 2 in winter, and 1 in summer, members of the Wednesday evening class (winter class) 9, Sunday class 8, taught by the Rector; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2 64, Convention Fund \$2 64, Diocesan Missionary Society \$15, Missionary and other Charitable and Benevolent purposes \$66 72, total \$95 25; statistics of parish as heretofore reported; Rector's salary \$400, all paid.

It is very difficult to give an accurate census of the parish, as there are many families who profess to be attached to the Protestant Episcopal Church, and who perhaps attend no where else, who are rarely within its walls, and with whom the clergyman scarcely meets but in pastoral visiting. This will account for the large number of infant baptisms. There are about fifty families, the members of which are more or less constant in their attendance. But the majority of these being small families, composed principally of father, mother and children, and being also in circumstances too straitened to allow them to employ servants, it makes the ordinary attendance upon service, and average participation in the Holy Communion, much smaller than it would otherwise be. My monthly communion, however, has been steadily on the increase. The largest number to which I have at any one time administered was thirty-five. A disparity will be noticed in the lists as given this year and last, which is accounted for by my having counted among the "died or removed" all communicants whose names stand upon the list, but whom I have never been able to find. Those also marked as having ceased to commune, are such as have not participated within the last year.

Within the last year the Vestry have expended in ceiling the church, re-placing the furnaces, and re-grading and paving the lot, about \$800; and in carpeting and other improvements and fixtures, on the interior, \$185, which amount was contributed through an effort of the ladies of the parish, making \$950.

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Report of the Rev. Theodore S. Rumney, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Uniontown, and of Grace Church, Menallen Township, Fayette County.

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, UNIONTOWN.

Congregation, families 35, adults 106, infants 62, total 168; baptisms, adults 2, infants 14, total 16; confirmed 3; communicants, added 4, died or removed 6, present number 46; marriage 1; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 108, other days 42, total 150; chil.

dren catechized monthly in the church ; Sunday schools, general 1, teachers, male 3, female 9, total 12 ; scholars, male 48, female 74, total 122 ; infant 1, teacher 1, attendance about 20.

Collections, Episcopal Fund \$3, Convention Fund \$3, Christmas Fund \$2, Diocesan Missionary Society \$72, Missionary and other purposes \$94 66, Sunday school offerings to China \$5, to Africa \$5, Christmas Fund \$5, Sunday School Extension \$1 50, total \$191 16.

The church owns no property other than the church building. The amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive from the parish is \$300 per annum.

### GRACE CHURCH, MENALLEN.

Congregation, families 8 ; communicants 6 ; services have been regularly held twice in each month during the year, with one or two exceptions arising from sickness or absence of the Rector. The attendance is generally very encouraging.

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Report of the Rev. Peter Russell, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, and St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill, Carbon County.

Congregation, families 30, adults 8, children 75, total 150 ; baptisms, infants 16 ; confirmed 1 ; communicants added 1, died 2, removed 2, present number 27 ; marriages 10 ; burials 4 ; public services, on Sundays 64, other days 27, 26 services at Nesqueitong on Sundays, total 117 ; Sunday school 1, teachers 12, pupils 80 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2, Convention Fund \$3, Domestic Missions \$5, Foreign Missions \$5, Christmas Fund \$13, Church Building \$7, other purposes \$152, total \$187 ; Salary \$300, of which \$45 are in arrears ; but while this amount of arrears is reported, it is but justice to the congregation to state that they have given their Rector, at a " Donation visit," and in other modes, aside from salary, an amount equal to the whole sum promised in salary, thus, in fact, almost increasing his means of living an hundred fold.

A portion of the services reported above were performed by the Rev. C. H. Albert, since removed to Texas.

### ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, SUMMIT HILL, CARBON COUNTY.

Congregation, families 30, adults 75, children 65, total 140 ; baptisms, infants 11 ; communicants added 3, present number 30 ; burials

4; public services, on Sundays 48, other days 2, total 50; Sunday school 1, teachers 6, pupils 40; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2, Convention Fund \$2, Domestic Missions \$5, Foreign Missions \$3, Christmas Fund 9, Church Building \$3, other purposes \$76 total \$100. No specified amount is promised as salary. Amount paid for the year \$164 50.

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Report of the Rev. G. M. Skinner, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New Milford, Susquehanna County, for the year ending May, 1855.

Families 35, adults 85, children 30, total 150; baptisms, children 6, total 6; confirmed 1; communicants, added 3, died 4, removed 2, present number 39; marriages 6; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 62, other days 38, total 100; children catechized 19, times 10; collections, Episcopal Fund \$5 50; Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$12, Domestic \$7 50, Foreign \$4, other purposes \$16 50.

Property other than the church building and lot owned by the Parish, is a parsonage, carriage-house, and lot valued at \$750; indebtedness none. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$200; arrears \$40. Resigned May 25th.

#### GRACE CHURCH, LODERVILLE.

Congregation, families 30, adults 58, children 33, total 91; communicants removed 2, added 2, present number 7; services on Sundays 47.

There are several in this parish who doubtless will be fit candidates for confirmation at the next visitation.

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Report of the Rev. J. Brinton Smith, Rector of St. James' Church, Kingessing, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 13th, 1855.

Baptisms, adults 5, infants 9, total 14; confirmed 14; communicants added 12, died or removed 4, stricken off 1, present number 87; marriages 7; burials 18; public services, on Sundays 67, other days 30, total 97; children catechized 5 times; Sunday school, 50 pupils, 7 teachers; Bible class 10 members, taught by the Rector; collections, Episcopal Fund \$17, Convention Fund \$5 65, for the enlargement of the Church Building \$4,650, for Organ \$760, other purposes \$127 60, total \$5560 25. Property other than the church build-

ing and lot owned by the Parish, Parsonage and lot, and about \$1250 in ground rents. Amount of indebtedness \$2,500; amount of salary \$1,250. The Rector's salary has always been punctually paid.

Since last Convention our Church building has been greatly enlarged and improved, its capacity being more than doubled. Nothing is now required to give permanent success to the Parish but the blessing of God upon the increased labors of minister and people. I would express my gratitude for the earnestness and zeal with which members of the vestry pushed forward the enlargement to its completion. They have done a good work, and done it well. To the ladies of the congregation, also, thanks are due for their successful efforts to procure an organ suited to the increased size of the church. The vestry, in view of the expensiveness of living during the past winter, have added \$250 to the Rector's salary. May their example be imitated by others.

#### CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION, DARBY, DELAWARE COUNTY.

The depressed condition of money matters during the last winter has prevented any movement towards a church building. We have been compelled to occupy a small school room. I have held 40 public services on Sundays. The Sunday school has three teachers and about twenty scholars.

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Report of the Rev. Richard Smith, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Chartiers, and Grace Church, Mount Washington, Allegheny County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 25; baptisms, adults 9, infants 13, total 22; confirmed, at Chartiers 4, Mt. Washington 9, total 13; communicants, added 4, present number in all 28; marriage 1; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 79, at different places other days 3, county poor house 4, total 86; children catechized frequently at both places; Sunday schools, 1 at Mt. Washington, 85 children, 12 teachers; 1 at Chartiers, 30 children, 6 teachers; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$3, Disabled Clergymen \$6 50, for Incidentals \$26; total \$40 50; arrears of salary still unpaid. I have attended to the duties of the City Mission at Pittsburgh also with the above statements.

I have nothing particular to advance by way of remark, but to say the field in which I still labor continues to give promise of future increase. We shall suffer some loss by removals.



Report of the Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, Montgomery County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families about 100; baptisms 6; communicants, added 8, died or removed 5, present number 108; confirmed 4; marriages 12; burials 15; public services, on Sundays 99, other days 38, total 137; Sunday school 1, teachers 27, pupils 160; collections, Episcopal Fund \$6 86, Convention Fund \$6 20, Missionary and other purposes \$2 42; total \$255 06.

In addition to the above services, the Rector has officiated occasionally in the county prison and other places. And sermons or addresses have been delivered at all the funerals reported.

The congregation, during the past year, has pursued the even tenor of its way without any very material change, though a gradual and steady improvement is perceptible. The property owned by the corporation is a lot in the central and most valuable part of Norristown, one hundred and fifty feet by four hundred and sixty feet, with the exception of a small indentation in one corner, which is private property. This ground is occupied partly by the church building, partly as a cemetery, and a remaining part will no doubt in due time become available for building purposes, as there is a probability that it will not be required for sepulture, popular feeling now running strongly in favor of the cemeteries out of town.

The congregation is entirely free from debt. Rector's salary eight hundred dollars, paid semi-annually with promptness.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Bacon Stevens, D.D., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 342, total 1,400; baptisms, adults 9 infants 42, total 51; confirmed 28; communicants, added 43, died or removed 30, present number 642; marriages 16; burials 33; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 38, total 138; Sunday schools, male 2, teachers 18, pupils 152; female 2, teachers 27, pupils 300; infant 2, teachers 4, pupils 155, total schools 6, teachers 49, pupils 607; Bible classes 2, members 61, teachers 2; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150; Convention Fund \$75; Diocesan Missionary Society \$575; Missionary and other purposes \$9,195; total \$10,095. Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish, Sexton's house and School house. Amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish \$3,000. Amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive 3,000. Arrears of salary, none.

Report of the Rev. J. A. Stone, Rector of Calvary Church, Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 33, adults 88, children 59, total 147; baptisms, infants 31, total 31; confirmed 6; communicants, added 11, died or removed 13, present number 35; marriages 6; burials 11; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 18, total 122; children catechized 60, times 12; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 9, pupils 60; Bible class 1, members 8, teachers 1; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Diocesan Miss. Society \$8, Communion Offerings \$22 79, Sunday School \$8 71, for the Rev. William H. Cooper \$37 52, from children of Sunday School \$28, \$12 of which was for Missions to Africa, Parochial Collections \$38 61, money paid for a new fence around the church \$240, total amount \$379 63; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive \$400.

The parish, in all its departments, is in a prosperous condition, and has made decided advances, when we take into consideration our numbers and resources. We have suffered from the usual fluctuation of a mining town, having lost, by removal, several valuable parishners, but their loss has been made up in part by accessions.

The parish receives most substantial aid, and the Rector most efficient co-operation from the ladies, especially from the members of the Sewing circle, who are ever ready to engage in any good work to promote the welfare of the church. Through their efforts (especially two of their number,) a new and beautiful iron fence has been purchased and erected in front of the church. The remaining portion of the fence, enclosing the other sides of the church yard, is of wood, and was the generous offering of Mr. Rowland Jones, a liberal and active member of the Vestry.

The ladies are now actively engaged in preparing for a sale of useful articles, to take place the first week in September next, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the purchase of a small organ, and also a set of blinds for the church.

Report of the Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 205, total 1208; baptisms, adults 11, infants 15, total 26; confirmed 30; communicants, added 34, died or removed 28, present number 512; marriages 24; burials 14; public services, on Sundays 112, other days 75, total 187; children catechized monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 22, pupils 120; female 1,

teachers 30, pupils 170 ; infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 71 ; Bible classes 3, members 62, teachers 3, total, schools 2, teachers 55, pupils 423 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$75, Diocesan Missionary Society \$1250, missionary and other purposes \$2575, total \$4050 ; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive \$2500, no arrears.

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Report of the Rev. Joseph P. Taylor, Rector of Christ Church, New-Brighton, Trinity Church, Rochester, and Trinity Church, New-Castle, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

### CHRIST CHURCH, NEW-BRIGHTON.

Baptisms 12 ; communicants, removed 4, deceased 1, present number 26 ; Sunday schools, children 50, teachers 6 ; burials 8 ; marriages 2 ; collections \$100 23.

### TRINITY CHURCH, ROCHESTER.

I hold one service every Lord's day in a school-house at Rochester, where regularly assembles a congregation of seventy or eighty persons—of this number twelve are communicants. As was represented by me last year, so now, *there is no efficient clergyman of any denomination in the town, no church edifice, and no public religious service except one held by myself on Sunday* ; \$400 are now at my disposal for the building of a cheap church to cost \$800. This sum has been raised by the persons who attend the services of the church at this place, who, as I can testify, are too poor to do anything more. After a devout representation of the wants of this parish, may I not expect pecuniary aid from some of the churches of the Diocese ?

### TRINITY CHURCH, NEW-CASTLE.

During this year I have officiated six times, and preached six sermons, in this church. At other times the Sunday services have been sustained by the assistance of Rev. John A. Bowman. It may be proper to report that during the year I have purchased fourteen acres of ground in the borough of New Brighton, a most eligible site, and thereon erected buildings suitable for a church boarding school for boys. The institution will be ready for the reception of pupils in September next.

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Report of Rev. Anthony Ten Broeck, Rector of the Church of St. James the Less, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 8, total 9 ; two private baptisms have

been *certified*; confirmed 11; communicants, added 20, removed 13, present number 40; burials 7, (non-resident 2); public services, on Sundays 104, other days 626, total 730; children catechized weekly; Sunday school, teachers, male 3, female 5, total 8; scholars, male 14, female 22, total 36.

Collections have been made for the Church Hospital \$32 55, for Christmas Fund \$19 08, General Missions \$15, Episcopal Fund \$5 91, Convention Fund \$5 79.

The claims of the Advancement Society will be remembered soon

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Report of the Rev. Charles West Thomson, Rector of St. John's Church, York, York County.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 11, total 14; confirmed 13; communicants, added 23, died or removed 9, present number 71; marriages 3, burials 11; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 28, total 128; children catechized 11 times; Sunday school, male teachers 4, pupils 12, female teachers 7, pupils 24, infant school, pupils, male 10, female 8; total, teachers 11, pupils 54; collections, Convention Fund \$13 08, Missionary and other purposes \$67 14, total \$80 22. Besides the church building and lot, the parish owns no property, excepting the Parsonage and ground belonging thereto, on part of which is erected a frame building for lectures and Sunday school purposes. By the effort mentioned in the last report as then in progress, and by other means within the parish, we have been enabled to reduce our debt to about \$350. The amount of salary the Rector is entitled to receive is \$600, of which there are no arrears.

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Report of the Rev. George E. Thrall, Assistant Minister of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

Was ordained on the 14th of last July, since which time I have preached sixty-seven times, officiated at two marriages, three baptisms and eighteen funerals, besides assisting in the usual Sabbath services of the Church of the Epiphany.

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Report of the Rev. R. S. Trapier, of the Seamen's Mission in Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, Families 53, adults 82, children 82, total 164; baptisms, adults 1, infants 23, total 24; confirmed 10; communicants,

added 11, died or removed 10, present number, about 60; marriages 2; burials 5; public services, on Sundays, 108, other days 3, total 111; children catechized several times; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 2, pupils 25, female 1, teachers 3, pupils 30, schools 2, teachers, 5, pupils 55; property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish, none; no indebtedness; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$1000; arrears of salary none.

The progress of the Mission, though slow, is encouraging. During the past year the attendance of Seamen has increased, and as we are now likely, by Divine blessing, to possess a suitable place of worship, we may humbly but confidently hope that larger results may cheer our hearts in the future.

Since May 1st, 1854, there have been distributed,—Bibles 225, Prayer Books 380, other religious books 380; since the commencement of the mission,—Bibles 2,300, Prayer Books 3,550, other books 3300.

Report of the Rev. Henry Tullidge, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, Columbia County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families about 70, number not yet fully ascertained; baptisms, infants 11; communicants, added 2, died 5, removed 2, present number about 100, not fully ascertained; marriages 4; burials 21; public services, on Sundays, 101, other days 26, total 127; children catechized weekly in the Sunday school; Sunday school 1, pupils upwards of 100, teachers, male 2, female 10, total 12; Bible class 1, members 20; collections, General Domestic Missionary Society \$7, Foreign Missions \$13 50, Sunday school \$11 50, Convention fund \$6 50, Christmas fund \$5 36, Missionary and other purposes \$25 87, total \$69 73; Rector's salary \$600.

I entered upon my duties as rector of this Church, in the middle of June last. Thus far I have found much to encourage me, and a further acquaintance has deepened my first impression that this is an important and interesting field of labor, though it is not without its peculiar difficulties.

During the past year the temporal condition of the Parish has much improved. The remainder of the Church debt has been extinguished, and an eligible residence at a convenient distance from the Church, purchased for a parsonage, at the moderate price of \$1800. Of this sum \$1200, one half of which was contributed by the liberality of three individuals, was raised by subscription, and for the remaining



\$600 we depend on the sale of a house and lot belonging to the Church, the bequest of a pious communicant, which, it is believed, will readily realize that sum. As it respects spiritual things, however, the condition of the Church is far less favorable, and there is too much reason to inquire with the prophet, "Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the Amen of the Lord revealed?"

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Report of the Rev. Edwin M. VanDeusen, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Families 60, adults 160, children 150, total 310; baptisms, adults 6, children 26, total 32; confirmed 17; communicants, added 34, died 1, removed 21, present number 100; marriages 15; burials 9; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 160, total 264; children catechized 25 times; Sunday school 1, male teachers 5, female 9, total 14, pupils 100; collections, Episcopal fund \$23 23, Alms \$210, Organ \$2000, Missions \$130, total \$2,340.

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Report of the Rev. P. Van Pelt.

During the preceding twelve months I have preached 31 times; read prayers 30 times; solemnized 2 marriages; officiated at 3 funerals; made about 200 visits to the sick and afflicted; and attended to my duties as Secretary of the "Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

From the commencement of the present year, I have been connected with the Theological department of Burlington College, N. J., as teacher of Hebrew.

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Report of the Rev. Alexander Varian, Rector of Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford County, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, adults 150, children 120, total 270; baptisms, infants 8, total 8; communicants, added 4, died or removed 7, present number 100; marriage 1; burials, adults 6, infant 1; public services, on Sundays 96, other days 49; children catechized 1st Sunday in every month in the Church; Sunday School 1, teachers, male 3,

female 7, pupils 100; collections, Society Advancement of Christianity \$7 50, Communion collections for Missionary and other purposes \$64 37, total \$71 87.

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish, Sunday School House; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$600; arrears of salary about \$80.

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Report of the Rev. John A. Vaughan, D. D.

During the year ending May 1st, I have preached 35 times, and assisted at the communion and at funerals several times each. On the first of September last I resigned the charge of the Episcopal Female Institute, which for 6 years had devolved upon me as Rector; and ill health inducing that step has since prevented my entering upon parochial charge.

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Report of B. B. Vincent and Benjamin Grant, Wardens of St. Paul's Church, Erie, for the year ending May 1, 1855.

In the absence of a Rector we beg leave to submit the following Report of the Parish of St. Paul's Church, Erie, in the County of Erie, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, no record kept; baptisms, children 8; confirmations 4; marriages 3; burials 6; present number 85; public services, no Rector since the Sunday before Lent, occasional services 4 Sundays since; children catechized, no record; Sunday School 1, teachers 8, scholars 50; collections, no record kept.

The Rectorship has been vacant since the resignation of Rev. Charles Arey.

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Report of the Rev. Daniel Washburn, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill County.

Congregation, families about 115, adults say 250, children 350 or more, total upwards of 600; baptisms, adults 5, children 65, total 70; confirmed 19; communicants, added 15, died or removed 6, present number 111; marriages 13; funerals 31; public services, on Sundays 150, other days 115, total 265; collections in the Church, as reported

by the treasurer \$708 40, which has been paid out for organist, sexton, coal, gas, carpenter work, insurance, &c., and for the Pottsville Benevolent Society \$200 54, for Church building \$22 30 and \$20 25, for Convention Fund \$14 31, for Episcopal Fund \$20 84, for Foreign Missions \$30 22, for Christmas Fund \$26 31, for Parish Sunday School \$20, besides which the members of this Congregation have contributed upwards of \$100 to Bible Society operations, to the Bishop White Prayer Book Society (including \$37 50 given by Edward Owen Parry, Esq.,) some \$50 to Home Missions (including \$37 50 given by E. O. P.) about \$500, of which \$169 was paid to Rev. A. Pryor, Missionary in parts adjacent to Pottsville, and about \$300 towards the erection of the Church of the Holy Apostles at St. Clair, and for other benevolent purposes say \$250, making a sum total of \$1554 77, not including the above \$708 40 which was for current incidental Church expenses, nor comprising the Dorcas Society benevolence, which has been large and active during the last unusually severe winter and consequent destitution among the poor.

Our field of labor is peculiarly missionary. All about us is heard the call for Gospel laborers. Consequent upon determined effort we have in one direction, viz., at St. Clair, secured a lot of ground, where on the 8th of October last I laid, at your request, the corner stone of a new Church building, which is now under roof and fully enclosed. Much as we have been able to raise towards this undertaking, still more is needed. About \$1000 must be in some way immediately secured, and would that the proprietors of coal lands in the neighborhood could see not only their duty in this behalf, but their interest.

Sunday Schools more or less directly connected with this parish, are being successfully conducted at Fishback (the rolling-mill north of the borough), at Westwood (about 2 miles out of town) and at East Mt. Carbon, which last is sustained as it was originated, mainly by Miss Walker and Miss Ashley, communicants of the Church, aided by such of our people as sympathize and can conveniently co-operate.

But we need conveniences which cost money. The first of the above mentioned branch Sunday Schools, is held in a private house, when we should have a Chapel that might be used for the school and occasional public services. But I will not enumerate more that this immediate vicinity needs, lest the openings beyond should appal us. May the Head of the Church direct, sustain and further us, as shall seem best to Him in prosecuting His work.

In addition to what I have thus reported, I am required to state my salary which is \$1200, and punctually paid; some friends have voluntarily added to this \$100. "Statistics of parish" as last year.

Report of the Rev. W. E. Webb, Rector of Grace Church, Hulmeville, St. Luke's Church, Newtown, and St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville.

### ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, NEWTOWN.

Congregation, families 10 ; baptisms 2 ; confirmations 1 ; communicants, added 1, removed 1, present number 14 ; Sunday school 1, teachers 7, scholars 50 ; amount of salary the Rector is entitled to receive \$150, no arrears ; property other than the church building and lot, a Sunday-school room and cemetery ; contributions, Convention Fund \$2, Domestic Missions \$2 ; amount of debt on the church property about \$10.

### GRACE CHURCH, HULMEVILLE.

Families 19 ; confirmed 3 ; communicants, added 3, removed 1, died 1, present number 35 ; marriages 2 ; burials 5 ; Sunday school 1, teachers 9, scholars 85 ; amount of salary the Rector is entitled to receive \$100, no arrears ; property other than the church building and lot, a Sunday school-room and cemetery ; contributions, Convention fund \$2, Domestic Missions \$1.

### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, YARDLEYVILLE.

Congregation, families 14 ; baptisms 4 ; confirmed 1 ; communicants, added 1, present number 15 ; property other than the church building and lot, a Sunday school-room and cemetery. Since the last Convention, this church has been handsomely furnished by the ladies of the congregation. In addition to the stated services at these three churches, a semi-monthly service is also held at Pineville, where the erection of a small chapel is in contemplation at no distant day. Average attendance at Pineville, during the present spring, about 60. The Rector regrets to state that during the past year, services have occasionally been rendered somewhat irregular, by frequent attacks of illness on the part of himself and family.

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Report of Mr. Arthur Wells, Warden of the Parish of All Saints' church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, about 200 families or parts of families ; baptisms, adults 6, children 165, total 171 ; confirmed 22 ; communicants,

about 150 ; marriages 36 ; burials 41 ; public services, twice on Sunday and once on the Holy-days ; children catechized 11 times ; Sunday schools, male, teachers 4, pupils 40, female, teachers 11, pupils 100, infant, teachers 2, pupils 50 ; Bible class, teachers 1, members 15 ; collections, Convention Fund \$10, Advancement Society \$30, Missionary and other purposes \$1005 65, total \$1045 65 ; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish \$1900 58.

The late Rector whose resignation took effect on the 10th of March, 1855, was entitled to receive a salary of \$1200, which was always paid promptly.

There is a parish day-school of nearly 50 children in a flourishing condition, and also a Mutual Benefit Society, which has done a great work during the past year. The parish has met with a very serious loss by the resignation of its faithful and zealous pastor, who has labored for eight years and a half to build up the church in what was once a wilderness.

Report of the Rev. Wm. White, Rector of St. Peters' church, Butler, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 40, adults 80, children 50, total 110 ; baptisms, infants 12, total 12 ; confirmed 8 ; communicants, added 8, died or removed 3, present number 49 ; marriage 1 ; burials 3 ; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 12, total 112 ; children catechized weekly, times 50 ; Sunday school, male teachers 3, pupils 15, female teachers 3, pupils 20 ; collections, Convention Fund \$4, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$8, Missionary and other purposes \$35, total \$47 ; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, less than \$100 ; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive \$300 ; arrears of salary, a small portion for last year is still due.

Report of the Rev. H. T. Wilcoxon, Rector of Trinity and St. Paul's Churches, Fayette County, for the 15 months ending May 1, 1855.

Baptisms, infants 2 ; confirmed 1 ; communicants, added 1, removed 3, total 16 ; marriages 3 ; burials 2 ; public services, on Sundays, once a day every Sunday except four, other days every Wednesday afternoon, with a few exceptions ; Sunday school, scholars 40, teachers 7 ; collections, for Missionary and other purposes connected with the church \$152.



## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Communicants 6 ; funerals 1 ; collections, for Missionary and other purposes connected with the church \$20.

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Report of the Rev. John Williamson, Rector of Trinity Church, Freeport, Armstrong county, and Leechburgh.

Up to September 24th, 1854, I continued to assist the Rev. R. Newton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

October 29th, 1854, I took charge of these places. Baptisms, infants 6 ; communicants, removed 1, present number 48 ; public services 54 ; Sunday school 1, teachers 8, pupils 40 ; Bible classes 2, teachers 2, members 10 ; collections, Diocesan \$50 (past year) ; indebtedness, &c., see last report.

I also officiated a few weeks at Greensburgh, and baptized 3 infants.

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Report of the Rev. Frederick S. Wiley, Rector of the Church of the Nativity, S. G., Philadelphia, for the year ending May 13th, 1855.

Congregation, 142 families ; baptisms, adults 10, children 39, total 49 ; confirmed 29 ; communicants, added 53, died or removed 15, total 222 ; marriages 13 ; burials 28 ; children catechized monthly in church ; Sunday school, scholars 236, infant do. do. 120, female Bible classes, members 33, Young Men's Bible association, members 35, total under instruction 424 ; teachers 32 ; collections, for Missionary and other benevolent purposes \$843 23 ; present debt \$4,500. The salary is \$800, with a Rectory ; this has been promptly paid.

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Report of the Rev. J. B. Wilmer, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 200, adults 550, children 250, total 800 ; baptisms, adults 3, infants 30, total 33 ; confirmed 23 ; communicants, added 25, died or removed 7, present number 225 ; marriages 7 ; burials 10 ; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 650, total 755 ; children catechized 200, times 12 ; Sunday schools 2, teachers

14, pupils 150 ; Bible classes 3, members 50 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$64 57, Convention Fund \$33 70, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$103 79, total \$2598 22.

Property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, school houses ; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, \$21,000, ground rent ; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive \$2,250, Assistant Minister \$600. No arrear.

Measures have been adopted at a late meeting of the Vestry, to discharge the ground rent, which constitutes the whole indebtedness of the parish.

Report of the Rev. Thomas W. Winchester, Rector of St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WEST WHITELAND.

I resigned the charge of the above named parish on the 1st of October last. In the interval between that date and the previous 1st of May, besides preaching every Lord's day, performed the following services, viz : baptism, infant 1 ; funerals 2.

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, GREAT VALLEY.

Baptisms, infants 3 ; communicants, (present number) 18 ; funerals 5 ; public services, on Sundays 52, other days 3, total 55 ; also, "Cottage Lectures" during the latter part of the fall, the winter, and early part of the spring ; Sunday school scholars, male and female from 25 to 30, teachers, male 3, female 3 ; collections, Convention Fund \$6 14, Bishop's Fund \$4 53 ; salary stipulated for and commencing 1st of January 1855, \$400, regularly paid.

Report of the Rev. Henry W. Woods, late Rector of St. Paul's Church, Columbia.

I would report that up to the 1st of November, 1854, I continued to officiate as Rector of St. Paul's church, Columbia. Since that time

have preached nearly every Sunday, often twice on Sunday, and in the majority of cases it has been either to minister for vacant parishes, or to supply the places of sick and absent clergymen.

From the time of resigning St. Paul's church, Columbia, to the present, have baptized two infants, married two couples, administered the communion in vacant churches three times, and privately to a sick person once, and performed the burial service once.

Within the last two weeks I have accepted an invitation to take charge of Trinity Church, Maylandville, and the Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia.

Report of the Rev. James A. Woodward, Rector of St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, and St. Mary's church, Warwick, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Having returned from the Territory of Oregon, where I labored for the church, for about fifteen months, in the employ of the Domestic Committee, I took the charge of St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, and St. Mary's Church, Warwick, Chester county, beginning my public ministrations on the second Sunday of July last. Service is held in each church every Lord's day, and a monthly evening service in different parts of the parishes, so that I usually officiate three times every Sunday.

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WARWICK.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 2; communicants, added 5, removed 2, died 2, present number, about 50; Sunday school, children 70, teachers 6; Missionary Contributions, since July last, about \$6. The balance of the church debt is now about to be paid; collection for Convention Fund \$3 45.

### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, WEST VINCENT.

Congregation, about 60, families and parts of families may be regarded as belonging to this parish; confirmations 3; communicants, added 3, died 1, present number about 40; marriages 3; funerals 3; Sunday school, about 30 children; Missionary collections, about \$5; balance of debt on the parsonage, about \$400; Convention Fund \$2 28.

Report of the Rev. Ed. P. Wright, Rector of St. John's Church, Pequea, and St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, Chester county, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PEQUEA.

Congregation, families and parts of families 60, adults 166, children 76, total 242; baptisms, adults 4, infants 9, total 13; confirmed 3; communicants added 8, died or removed 6, present number 50; marriages 3; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 48, other days 22, total 70; children catechized monthly during the summer; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 4, pupils 20; female 1, teachers 5, pupils 22; infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 23, total, schools 3, teachers 11, pupils 65; collections, Episcopal fund \$5 56, Convention fund \$5, Diocesan Missionary Society \$8 75, Missionary and other purposes \$44 54, total \$63 85; property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish, see previous reports; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the parish, none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$450; arrears of salary none; the salary for the ensuing year is to be \$500.

Besides the foregoing collections, I have much satisfaction in reporting the success of the ladies of the congregation in raising a sufficient amount (\$95) for the purpose of purchasing new books for the desk and communion table, and making sundry renewals inside the building. Also, the determination of the vestry, to erect a neat fence round the Church lot, and to repaint the edifice inside and out, in the course of a few weeks.

This report dates from June 17, 1854, upon which day I entered upon my duties as Rector of the parish, in accordance with the unanimous invitation of the Vestry, to fill the place of their late much loved pastor, the Rev. Mr. Tullidge. I cannot speak too highly of the kindness and attention I have received at the hands of my people since I have come among them. My only anxiety is, that they may become as fruitful in spiritual matters as they are in temporal, and that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I commenced in Lent the system of cottage lecturing, and from the interest manifested, have been induced to decide upon continuing them every Wednesday evening during the fine weather. Many are reached, by thus bringing the gospel to them, who otherwise would perish for lack of knowledge.

### ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HONEYBROOK.

Congregation, about 200; baptisms, infant 1; communicants about

20 ; public services, on Sundays 33, other days 4, total 37 ; collections, Convention fund \$2, other purposes about 12, total \$14 ; property other than the Church building and lot, owned by the parish, none ; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish, none ; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$200 ; arrears of salary, none.

I took charge of this parish in July, 1854 ; and have been able to give the congregation but an afternoon service on Sundays, when the weather permitted. I am unable, by reason of the distance of my residence from the Church, (nine miles,) and from having to attend to the larger and important parish of St. John's, to render this parish much in the way of occasional duty, which is so essential in gathering together and building up any congregation. Still I have much to encourage me ; the attendance on Sundays is excellent, and considerable interest seems to be awakened in the minds of some concerning the things that belong to their everlasting peace.

Report of the Rev. Thomas C. Yarnall, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Hamilton, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 55, adults 134, children 140, total 274 ; baptisms, adults 2, infants 15, total 17 ; confirmed 12, communicants, added 9, removed 8, died 2, present number 109 ; marriages 3 ; burials 13 ; public services on Sundays 104, other days 63, total 167 ; the children are now catechized monthly ; Sunday school teachers 11, pupils 110 ; collections, Christmas Fund \$15 81, Church Hospital \$52, for the Poor of the City \$70 25.

The Parish is entirely free from debt. Rector's salary \$800 ; no arrears.

\* Report of the Rev. M. A. De Wolfe Howe, D. D., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 260, total about 1,100 ; baptisms, adults 12, infants 53, total 65 ; confirmed 29 ; communicants, added 57, died or removed 44, present number 475 ; marriages 21 ; burials 22 ; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 85, total 189 ; children catechized 6 times ; Sunday schools, male 2, teachers 12, pupils 129, female 2, teachers 33, pupils 230, infant 2, teachers 3, pupils 137,

\* The following Reports were received too late for their proper places.



total schools 6, teachers 54, pupils 486; Bible classes 8, members 102, teachers 8, total under instruction 588; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$59, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$11 50, Diocesan Missionary Society \$850, Missionary and other strictly charitable purposes \$4931 28, total \$6001 78. Amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive \$3,000; no arrears.

Nothing worthy of special remark has occurred in this Parish to vary the report of its condition and appliances for good, which was made a year ago, except the establishment of a branch Sunday school for colored children. This department was opened soon after Christmas, and into it, from the neighborhood of our church, there have already gathered 68 children. The school is taught as the other Sunday schools are, under the common roof of the church edifice. The Rector feels a special interest in this enterprise, as being a movement towards the resumption of that arrangement, which once obtained in our congregations, and which both principle and policy commend to our adoption, to wit: the admission of colored persons into all our churches; a measure due alike to the peace of our communion, to the cause of humanity, and to the comprehensiveness of the Christian faith.

All our parochial agencies for relieving the poor, instructing the ignorant, and comforting the destitute of Christ's flock, have been, during the past season, in unusually active operation, and have accomplished much direct and reflex good.

In reviewing the list of Communicants, preparatory to the statistical report above given, the Rector has stricken off the names of not a few who, having removed from the circuit of his pastoral care in the course of years, have been heretofore retained on the register of this Parish, because it was not known to what other one they had become attached. The erasure of such names at this time causes the number of removals to seem very large, and the increase, in the aggregate, of those still reckoned as belonging to this Parish, comparatively small. Our Parish registers can never be exact, until all our Pastors require of communicants coming under their charge from other congregations the canonical letter of transfer.

With devout gratitude the Rector records that the preaching of the Gospel has been attended during the past season with evident tokens of the Divine blessing. On all occasions of public worship the attendance of the congregation has been large, and their interest in religious exercises deep and manifest. While from the younger portion of this congregation the additions to the list of our communicants have been more numerous than in any previous year.

Report of the Rev. A. A. Marple, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wellsboro'.

Number of communicants 77. Some that lived in a neighboring town, and were reported by this Parish, have been stricken from our list, for a clergyman is now officiating in the town referred to. Thirteen of the communicants upon our list are found in or near the villages upon the Tioga river.

There have been 10 funerals, 5 infant baptisms, and 1 marriage. Collections for Bible Society, \$18, Col. Soc. \$10, Poor \$7, Sunday school \$8.

The church has been repaired, and other matters provided for, at an expense of \$250.

The Sunday school has upon its list five teachers, and not far from fifty scholars. The Rector also teaches a class. The great trouble is to get teachers enough. Those we have are good.

Services as usual; prayer and lecture twice every week during Lent. There have been three services upon nearly every Sunday. Upon the last Sunday of every month, after morning service in Wellsboro, I have held an afternoon service in Tioga, and an evening service in Lawrenceville, 25 miles distant.

I regret that on account of the increasing years and decreasing speed of my horse, I have been compelled to discontinue my visits to Lawrenceville. On other Sundays, a third service has been held in neighboring school houses, where there are found good and attentive congregations. I have also officiated three times in Middlebury, once in Covington, and once upon Pine Creek, in Lycoming county.

Church Property, Church and Rectory, and the lots upon which they are built, all in decent condition, and no debt upon them.

Report of the Rev. G. Emlen Hare, D.D., Rector, and the Rev. H. S. Spackman, assistant Minister, of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1855.

Congregation, families 48, adults 118, children 78, total 196; baptisms, adults 5, infants 6, total 11; confirmed 12; communicants, added 22, died or removed 9, present number 78; marriages 2; burials 6; public services, on Sundays 152, other days 14, total 166; Sunday schools, male 2, teachers 5, pupils 47, female 2, teachers 10, pupils 69, infant 2, teachers 2, pupils 125, total schools 6, teachers 17, pupils 241; Bible classes 3, members 36, teachers 3; collec-

tions, Episcopal Fund \$7, Convention Fund \$7, Diocesan Missionary Society \$20, Missionary and other purposes \$35 56, total \$69 56; Communion alms \$52 54

Property other than Church building and lot owned by the Parish, a burial ground. Amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish \$150; amount of salaries the clergymen are entitled to receive, Rector \$300, Assistant Minister \$400.

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Report of the Rev. J. C. Clay, D.D., Rector of Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia.

Families, about 150; baptisms, adult 6, infants 95, total 101; confirmed 18, and 2 in private, 20; communicants, added 24, removed or deceased 27, present number 157; marriages 123; burials 86; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 50, total 154; children catechized monthly, except the three summer months, "openly in the church;" Sunday schools, male 11, teachers 10, pupils 100, female 1, teachers 15, pupils 150, total schools 2, teachers 25, pupils 250: collections, Episcopal Fund \$10, Convention Fund \$10, Society Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania \$50, Missionary and other purposes \$251 73. Property other than the Church building and burial ground, a Parsonage, Sexton's house, a few vacant lots, and ground rents amounting to about \$1,400. Amount of indebtedness \$1,350. Rector's salary \$1,000 and parsonage; arrears of salary, none.

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Report of the Rev. Theodore B. Lyman, Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh.

Baptisms, adults 1, infants 50, total 51; confirmed 29; communicants, last reported 230, died 6, removed 12, added 25, present number 237; marriages 7; funerals 27; collections, Clerical Relief Fund \$150 70, Pittsburgh Infirmary \$358, Thanksgiving Day, to the Poor, \$217 38, Nashotah Mission \$175, Chippeway Mission \$250, General Domestic Missions \$225, Aged and Infirm Clergymen \$106 76, Advancement Society \$200, Sunday school of Parish \$82 52, Church Building \$90 17, Convention fund \$20, Communion Alms \$240, total \$2,115 53.

The Sunday school of the Parish is in a flourishing condition, numbering about 160 scholars. A Parochial school, for boys, was established a few weeks since, and promises to be a valuable auxiliary in the work of the Church.

The Rev. J. S. B. Hodges, Deacon, was called to be the Assistant Minister of the Parish in July last, and since that time has been most profitably occupied in his appropriate duties.

# LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS

## OF THE

# DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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### *Adams County.*

Christ church, Huntingdon township,	Admitted	1785
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### *Alleghany County.*

Trinity church, Pittsburgh,	do	1818
St. Paul's church, Pittsburgh,	do	1832
Christ church, Alleghany city,	do	1836
St. Andrew's church, Pittsburgh,	do	1838
St. James' church, Pittsburgh,	do	1852
Grace church, Mt. Washington,	do	1852
St. Luke's church, Chartier's Creek,	do	1852
Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh,	do	1853
St. Philip's church, Manchester,	do	1853
St. Mark's church, Birmingham,	do	1853
Calvary church, East Liberty,	do	1855

### *Armstrong County.*

St. Paul's church, Kittanning,	do	1829
Trinity church, Freeport,	do	1840

### *Beaver County.*

Georgetown church, Georgetown,	do	1814
St. Paul's church, Ohio Township,	do	1845
Christ church, New Brighton,	do	1852

### *Berks County.*

St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin,	do	1785
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Christ church, Reading,	Admitted	1824
St. Thomas' church, Morgantown,	do	1825
St. Michael's church, Birdsboro',	do	1854
St. John's church, Reading,	do	1854

*Bradford County.*

St. Matthew's church, Pike,	do	1814
Christ church, Towanda,	do	1844
St. Paul's church, Troy,	do	1845

*Bucks County.*

St. James the Greater church, Bristol,	do	1785
St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville,	do	1835
St. Luke's church, Newtown,	do	1835
Grace church, Hulmeville,	do	1837
Trinity church, Centreville,	do	1840
St. Paul's church, Doylestown,	do	1847

*Butler County.*

St. Peter's church, Butler,	do	1827
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*Carbon County.*

St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk,	do	1836
St. Philip's church, Summit Hill,	do	1850

*Centre County.*

Trinity church, Philipsburg.	do	1827
St. John's church, Bellefonte,	do	1839

*Chester County.*

St. Peter's church, Great Valley,	do	1785
St. John's church, New London township,	do	1793
St. Mary's church, Warwick township,	do	1808
St. John's church, Pequea,	do	1810
St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township,	do	1828
St. Andrew's church, West Vincent,	do	1834
St. Mark's church, Honeybrook,	do	1837
Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester,	do	1838
St. Peter's church, Phoenixville,	do	1840
St. James' church, Downingtown,	do	1844
St. James' church, West Marlboro',	do	1949

*Clearfield County.*

St. Andrew's church, Clearfield,	Admitted	1850
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*Columbia County.*

St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg,	do	1793
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St. James' church, Derry,	do	1849
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*Crawford County.*

Christ church, Meadville, do 1825

*Cumberland County.*

St. John's church, Carlisle, do 1821

*Dauphin County.*

St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, do 1826

*Delaware County.*

St. Paul's church, Chester,	do	1786
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St. Martin's church, Lower Chichester township,			
Marcus Hook,	do	1786	

St. David's church, Newtown township, Radnor, do 1786

St. John's church, Concord township	do	1786
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Calvary church, Rockdale,	do	1835
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Church of the Incarnation, Darby, do 1854

*Erie County.*

St. Paul's church, Erie,	do	1827
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St. Peter's church, Waterford, do “

*Fayette County.*

Christ church, Brownsville,	do	1825
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Grace church, Menallen,	do	1827
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Trinity church, Connelsville, do “

St. Peter's church, Uniontown,	do	1843
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St. Paul's church, Dunbar township, do 1854

*Huntingdon County.*

St. John's church, Huntingdon,	do	1820
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*Indiana County.*

St. Peter's church, Blairsville, do 1829

Christ church, Indiana,	do	1853
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*Lancaster County.*

St. James' church, Lancaster,	Admitted	1785
Bangor church, Cærnarvon township, Churchtown,	do	1810
Christ church, Leacock,	do	1819
All Saints' church, Paradise,	do	1842
St. Paul's church, Columbia,	do	1849
St. John's church, Marietta,	do	1849
Hope church, Mount Hope,	do	1849
St. John's church, Lancaster,	do	1854

*Luzerne County.*

St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre,	do	1821
Trinity church, Carbondale,	do	1845
St. James' church, Pittston,	do	1852
St. Luke's church, Scranton,	do	1853

*Lycoming County.*

St. James' church, Muncy,	do	1820
Christ church, Williamsport,	do	1847

*Mifflin County.*

St. Mark's church, Lewistown,	do	1852
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*Montgomery County.*

St. James' church, Perkiomen township,	do	1785
St. Thomas' church, Whitemarsh township,	do	1786
St. John's church, Norristown,	do	1815
Christ church, Pottstown,	do	1829
The Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion,	do	1852

*Montour County.*

Christ church, Danville,	do	1834
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*Northampton County.*

Trinity church, Easton,	do	1819
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*Northumberland County.*

St. Matthew's church, Sunbury,	do	1827
St. Mark's church, Northumberland,	do	1848
Christ church, Milton,	do	1849

*Philadelphia City.*

Christ church, Philadelphia,	Admitted	1785
St. Peter's church, Philadelphia,	do	1785
St. Paul's church, Philadelphia,	do	1785
St. James' church, Philadelphia,	do	1810
St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia,	do	1823
St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia,	do	1823
Grace church, Philadelphia,	do	1827
Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia,	do	1834
Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia,	do	1837
St. Luke's church, Philadelphia,	do	1839
Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia,	do	1847
St. Mark's church, Philadelphia,	do	1848
Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia,	do	1848
St. John's church, Northern Liberties,	do	1816
Advent church, Northern Liberties,	do	1842
St. Matthew's church, Francisville,	do	1825
St. Philip's church, Spring Garden,	do	1841
Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden,	do	1845
Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden,	do	1846
St. Jude's church, Spring Garden,	do	1848
Emmanuel church, Kensington,	do	1837
St. Bartholomew's church, Kensington,	do	1849
Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond,	do	1847
Zion church, South Penn township,	do	1849
Trinity church, Southwark,	do	1821
Church of the Evangelists, Southwark,	do	1842
Gloria Dei church, Southwark,	do	1845
All Saints church, Moyamensing,	do	1838
Church of the Crucifixion, Moyamensing,	do	1847
St. Luke's church, Germantown,	do	1818
Christ church, Germantown,	do	1853
St. David's church, Manayunk,	do	1833
St. James the Less church, North Penn township,	do	1846
Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun,	do	1851
Trinity church, Oxford township,	do	1785

All Saints' church, Lower Dublin township,	Admitted	1786
Emmanuel church, Holmesburg,	do	1844
St. Mark's church, Frankford,	do	1846
St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia,	do	1827
St. James' church, Kingsessing,	do	1844
St. Andrew's church, West Philadelphia,	do	1852
Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia,	do	1852
Trinity church, Maylandville,	do	1853
Church of our Saviour, Moyamensing,	do	1854
St. Clement's church, Philadelphia,	do	1855

*Schuylkill County.*

Trinity church, Pottsville,	do	1836
St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven,	do	1839
St. Paul's church, Minersville,	do	1841
Zion church, Tuscarora,	do	1848
Church of the Holy Apostles, St. Clair,	do	1848
Calvary church, Tamaqua,	do	1849

*Susquehanna County.*

St. Mark's church, New Milford,	do	1822
St. Paul's church, Montrose,	do	1832
St. Andrew's church, Springville,	do	1838

*Tioga County.*

St. Paul's church, Wellsborough,	do	1841
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*Washington County.*

Trinity church, Washington,	do	1844
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*Wayne County.*

Grace church, Honesdale,	do	1834
St. John's church, Salem,	do	1845
Zion church, Sterling township,	do	1851

*Westmoreland County.*

Christ church, Greensburg,	do	1823
St. John's church, Latrobe,	do	1853

*York County.*

St. John's church, York,	do	1785
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## CHURCHES NOT IN UNION WITH THE CONVENTION.

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*Adams County.*

Christ church Chapel, Petersburg, a Chapel of Christ Church,  
Huntingdon.

*Alleghany County.*

St. Peter's church, Pittsburgh.

St. Matthew's church, Etna.

*Armstrong County.*

St. Michael's church, Wayne township.

*Beaver County.*

Trinity church, Rochester.

*Berks County.*

St. Michael's church, Birdsboro'.

*Blair County.*

St. Luke's church, Altoona.

*Bradford County.*

Trinity church, Athens.

*Bucks County.*

Christ church, Oakgrove, a Chapel of All Saints', Lower Dublin.

*Clinton County.*

St. James' church, Lockhaven.

*Columbia County.*

Christ church, Jerseytown.

*Fayette County.*

St. Paul's church, Mount Braddock.

*Lancaster County.*

St. John's Free chapel, Lancaster.

*Lawrence County.*

Trinity church, New Castle.

*Mifflin County.*

Trinity church, Locke's Mills.

*Montgomery County.*

Christ church, Upper Merion, Swedes church.

*Philadelphia County.*

St. Thomas' church, Philadelphia, for colored persons.

Church of the Redeemer, Philadelphia, Seaman's Chapel.

Calvary church, Philadelphia, Bishop White Monument church.

*Susquehanna County.*

Grace church, Lodersville, Great Bend.

# LIST OF THE CLERGY

## OF THE

### DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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The Rt. Rev. ALONZO POTTER, D.D., LL.D., Bishop, Philadelphia.

Allen, Thos. G., Missionary, in the city of Philadelphia.

Arey, Charles.

Atkins, A. B., rector of Christ Church, Germantown.

Bartow, Henry B., rector of St. James', Bristol.

Bean, Henry H., rector of St. Stephen's, Harrisburg.

Beasley, Frederick W., rector of All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, and Christ Chapel, Oak Grove. P. O. Bridgewater, Bucks county.

Beatty, Archibald, minister of Trinity Church, Carbondale.

Berger, Alexander J., minister of St. Stephen's, Morrisdale, and Missionary at Philipsburg.

Bonnar, James, B. D.

Bowers, Wm. V., rector of St. Mark's, Lewistown, and Zion church, Locke's Mills.

Bowman, J. A., missionary at Newcastle, Lawrence County.

Bowman, Samuel, D.D., rector of St. James', Lancaster.

Brown, Henry, rector of St. David's, Radnor, Delaware County, and of the Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion.

Buchanan, Edward Y., rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, Philadelphia.

Bull, Levi, D.D., P. O. Marsh, Chester County.

Byllesby, De Witt Clinton, rector of St. Paul's, Montrose.

Childs, John A., assistant minister of St. Luke's, Philadelphia.

- Christman, Aaron, officiating at Calvary Church, Philadelphia.
- Clark, Samuel A., rector of the Church of the Advent, Phila.
- Clark, Wm. H., Principal of a Female Seminary, Pittsburgh.
- Clay, Jehu C., D.D., rector of the Swedes' Church, (Gloria Dei) Philadelphia.
- Clements, Samuel.
- Coleman, John, D.D., rector of Trinity Church, Philadelphia.
- Cooley, William C., rector of the Church of our Saviour, Philadelphia.
- Cooper, Charles D., rector of St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia.
- Cooper, William H., rector of Christ Church, Williamsport.
- Cornwall, Nathaniel E., rector of St. Andrew's, Pittsburgh.
- Crooke, George Alexander.
- Crumpton, Thomas, rector of Christ Church, Alleghany.
- Davis, Thomas J., rector of the Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun Village, Philadelphia.
- De Wolfe, Erastus, missionary, Philadelphia.
- Diehl, William N., officiating in Germantown.
- Dix, Morgan.
- Dorr, Benjamin, D.D., rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia.
- Douglass, Benjamin J., rector of Christ Church, Towanda.
- Douglass, Jacob M., rector of Zion church, Philadelphia.
- Douglass, William, rector of St. Thomas' (African) church, Philadelphia.
- Drake, George C., rector of St. James', Muncy.
- Duane, Richard B., rector of Grace Church, Honesdale.
- Ducachet, Henry W., D.D., rector of St. Stephen's, Philad'a.
- Dupuy, Charles M., Philadelphia.
- Durborow, George A., rector of the Church of the Redemption, Philadelphia.
- Durborow, Samuel, rector of the Church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia.
- Durlin, Fayette, deacon, assistant to the rector of Christ church, Greensburg.
- Eccleston, John C., M. D., assistant minister of St. James', Lancaster.

Esegood, Joseph I., rector of Trinity Church, Easton.

Evans, Rees C., rector of St. Paul's, Doylestown, and Trinity church, Centreville.

Field, G. C., rector of Emmanuel church, Holmesburg.

Foote, G. C., rector of St. Thomas', Whitemarsh.

Franklin, Benjamin, rector of St. John's, Philadelphia.

Furey, John G., rector of Grace church, Springville.

Goddard, Kingston, rector of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

Goodwin, James B., rector of St. Paul's church, Beaver Co., and St. Luke's, Georgetown.

Gray, Horatio.

Green, Thomas L., rector of St. Paul's, West Whiteland, Chester County.

Green, William, deacon, Philadelphia.

Hall, Richard D., chaplain to the P. E. Hospital, Philadelphia.

Hard, Anson B., P. O. Chester.

Hare, G. Emlen, D.D., rector of St. Matthew's church, and Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia.

Helmuth, John K., assistant to the rector of St. James the Less, Falls of Schuylkill.

Hildebrand, James L., minister of St. John's, Bellefonte.

Hilton, William J., rector of St. Paul's, Kittanning.

Hinds, William J., Philadelphia.

Hirst, Marmaduke, rector of St. Paul's, Minersville.

Hodges, J. Sebastian B., assistant to the rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

Hoffman, C. C., missionary to Africa.

Hooker, Herman, D.D., Philadelphia.

Hopkins, George P.

Howe, M. A. De Wolfe, D.D., rector of St. Luke's, Philadelphia.

Huntington, Benjamin S., Principal of Aston Ridge Seminary. P. O. Village Green, Delaware County.

Huntington, John T., assistant minister of St. James's, Philadelphia.



Hutcheson, J. T., deacon.

Jaquett, Joseph, teacher of Hebrew, Syriac, &c., Philadelphia.

Jones, Edward C., missionary at Blockley Alms House, Philadelphia.

Jones, Norris M., rector of St. Bartholomew's, Philadelphia.

Kendig, Daniel, deacon, minister of St. Paul's, Chester.

Killikelly, Brian B., D.D., rector of Christ church, Leacock, and All Saints', Paradise. P. O. Paradise, Lancaster County.

Kirke, George, minister at New London Cross Roads, and West Marlboro'. P. O. Downingtown, Chester County.

Knight, Cyrus F., deacon, assistant minister of St. Luke's, Germantown.

Latimer, George A., deacon, assistant to the rector of St. Paul's, Philadelphia.

Leaf, Edmund, rector of Christ church, Pottstown, St. Gabriel's, Douglassville, and St. Mark's church, Birdsboro'. P. O. Pottstown, Montgomery County.

Lightner, Edwin N., rector of Christ church, Danville.

Lightner, Milton C., rector of Christ church, Reading.

Long, John, rector of St. Luke's, Scranton, and St. James', Pittston, Luzerne County.

Lord, Samuel T., residing at Meadville, and missionary in Crawford County.

Lounsberry, Edward, rector of St. Jude's, Philadelphia.

Lycett, Edward L., minister of Bangor church, Churchtown, and St. Thomas', Morgantown.

Lyman, T. B., rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

Lyons, James G., LL.D., classical teacher. P. O. West Haverford.

Mahan, Milo, B. D., professor of Ecclesiastical History in the General Theological Seminary, New York.

Marsden, Jno. H., York Springs, Adams County.

Marple, A. Augustus, rector of St. Paul's, Wellsboro'.

Maxwell, John G., rector of Emmanuel church, Kensington.

McElhinny, John J., rector of St. Paul's, Pittsburgh.

McLeod, Alexander, M. D., officiating at Columbia and Marietta.

Mendenhall, Edward, rector of St. John's church, Salem, Wayne County, and missionary in parts adjacent.

Mercer, Alexander G.

Meyer, Edward.

Miles, G. D., rector of St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre.

Miller, Daniel S., rector of St. Mark's, Frankford.

Mintzer, George, rector of St. James', Perkiomen. P. O. Perkiomen Bridge, Montgomery.

Montgomery, W. W., minister of St. Matthew's, Sunbury, and St. Mark's, Northumberland.

Morris, B. Wistar, rector of St. David's, Manayunk.

Morss, Jacob B., rector of St. John's, Carlisle.

Morton, H. J., D.D., rector of St. James', Philadelphia.

Murphy, John K., rector of Calvary church, Rockdale, and St. John's, Concord, Delaware County.

Nash, Sylvester, missionary in Western Pennsylvania.

Natt, G. W., rector of St. Andrew's church, Mantua Village, Philadelphia.

Newton, Richard, D.D., rector of St. Paul's, Philadelphia.

Newton, William, rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

Odenheimer, W. H., rector of St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

Ogilby, Frederick, rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

Oliver, Robert W., deacon.

Paddock, William H., rector of Christ church, Greensburg, and district missionary in Western Pennsylvania.

Page, James A., rector of Christ church, Brownsville.

Perkins, W. S.

Pinckney, Thos. A., missionary on the Western Coast of Africa.

Platt, G. Lewis, rector of the Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia.

Pradt, J. B., missionary in Potter and McKean counties. P. O. Coudersport.

Prior, Azariah, rector of St. James', Schuylkill Haven, and missionary at large in Schuylkill County.

Quick, Charles W., rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh.

Rambo, J., missionary to Africa.

Randall, Samuel, minister of St. James' church, Pittsburgh.

Ray, Wm. P., deacon, minister of St. James', Downingtown.

Rees, William H., rector of Christ (Swedes') church, Upper Merion. P. O. Norristown.

Robins, James W., deacon, assistant minister of St. Mark's, Philadelphia.

Rodney, John, rector of St. Luke's, Germantown.

Rogers, Joshua, Easton.

Rudderow, Joel, rector of the Church of the Messiah, Richmond, Philadelphia.

Rumney, Theodore S., rector of St. Peter's church, Uniontown, and Grace church, Menallen.

Russell, Peter, rector of St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk, and St. Philip's, Summit Hill.

Skinner, Gardiner M., rector of St. Mark's, New Milford, and Grace church, Loderville.

Smith, J. Brinton, rector of St. James', Kingsessing, Phila.

Smith, Richard, missionary at Pittsburgh and parts adjacent.

Spackman, H. S., assistant minister of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia.

Stem, Nathan, rector of St. John's, Norristown.

Stevens, Wm. Bacon, D.D., rector of St. Andrew's, Philadelphia.

Stone, Joseph A., rector of Calvary church, Tamaqua, and Zion church, Tuscarora.

Suddards, William, rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

Talbot, Mortimer R., Chaplain in the U. S. Navy. P. O. Phila.

Taylor, Joseph P., rector of Christ church, New Brighton.

Ten Broeck, Anthony, rector of the Church of St. James the Less, Falls of Schuylkill.

Thomson, C. West, rector of St. John's, York.

Thrall, George P., assistant minister of the church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

Trapier, Richard S., missionary to seamen in the port of Phila.

Tullidge, Henry, rector of St. Paul's, Bloomsburg.

Tyng, Dudley A., rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Phila.

Van Deusen, E. M., Rector of St. Peter's, Pittsburgh.

Van Pelt, Peter, Secretary to the General Board of Missions, Philadelphia.

Varian, Alexander, rector of Christ church, Meadville.

Vaughan, John A., D.D., rector of the Episcopal Female Institute, Philadelphia.

Ver Mehr, J. L., LL.D., assistant rector of Grace church, San Francisco, and Principal of a School in Sonora, California.

Washburn, Daniel, rector of Trinity church, Pottsville.

Webb, W. E., rector of St. Luke's, Newtown, Grace church, Hulmeville, and St. Andrew's, Yardleyville. P. O. Attleboro', Bucks County.

White, William, rector of St. Peter's, Butler.

Wheeler, Charles H., Principal of the Episcopal Female Institute, Philadelphia.

Wilcoxon, Hanson T., rector of Trinity church, Connellsville, and St. Paul's, Mount Braddock.

Wiley, F. S., rector of the Church of the Nativity, Philada.

Williams, C. P., D.D., Classical Teacher, Philadelphia.

Williamson, John, deacon, minister of Trinity church, Freeport, and missionary in Leechburg, Armstrong. P. O. Freeport.

Wilmer, J. P. B., rector of St. Mark's, Philadelphia.

Wilson, Bird, D.D., LL.D., Emeritus Professor in the General Theological Seminary, New York.

Winchester, T. W., rector of St. Paul's and St. Peter's, Great Valley, Chester County.

Woods, Henry W., officiating at West Philadelphia and Maylandville.

Woodward, James A., rector of St. Mary's, Warwick, and St. Andrew's, West Vincent, Chester County.

Wright, Edward P., rector of St. John's, Pequea.

Wyatt, Christopher B., rector of Trinity church, San Francisco.

Yarnall, T. C., rector of St. Mary's church, Philadelphia.

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*Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in*

		Dolls.	C.
1854.			
May, 10,	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter, to April 19, 1854,	322	76
" 18,	" Rev. John G. Furey, - \$11 50		
	" " G. W. Skinner, - 10 00		
	" " George Kirke, - 1 00		
	" " Wm. H. Paddock, - 10 00		
	" " S. Nash, - 10 00		
	" " Wm. Hilton, - 14 00		
	" " Geo. D. Miles, - 7 00		
	" " Richard B. Duane, - 9 00		
	" " Samuel Clements, - 10 50		
	" " George C. Drake, - 9 50		
	" " John A. Stone, - 3 00		
	" " John Long, - 12 50		
	" " C. W. Thomson, - 1 50		
	" " A. A. Marple, - 10 50		
	" " Thomas Crumpton, - 12 50		
	" " A. Beatty, - 9 50		
	" " Peter Russell, - 5 00		
	" " R. O. Page, - 7 50		
	" " J. D. Mendenhall, - 7 50		
	" " George Mintzer, - 1 00		
	" " J. M. Rogers, - 6 00		
	" " J. J. Elsegood, - 6 00		
	" " A. Prior, - 4 00		
	" " D. C. Byllesby, - 9 50		
	" " J. J. McIlhinny, - 12 50		
	" " Richard Smith, - 12 00		
	" " M. Taylor, - 13 50		
	" " Samuel Randall, - 12 50		
	" " Wm. White, - 14 00		
	" " Henry H. Bean, - 4 50		
	" " Wm. W. Montgomery, - 4 50		
	" " Richard Temple, - 12 00		
		274	
	To cash paid James Montgomery, Sexton, expenses of the Convention, - - -	31	50
	To cash paid for Account Book, - - -	1	25
July 13,	To cash paid E. Cowperthwait & Co., for making Carpet for Committee room, - - -	2	04
" 17,	To cash paid King & Baird's bill, - - -	16	00
" 17,	To cash paid Duncan White, for binding Journals, - - -	2	60
" 17,	To cash paid for Minute Book, - - -	3	25
" 19,	To cash paid for copying Journal of Convention, - - -	20	00
Sept. 22,	To cash paid Stavely & McCalla, on account, - - -	200	00
1855.			
Jan. 8,	To cash paid Stavely & McCalla, in full, - - -	177	91
March 29,	To cash paid for oak table, - - -	23	00
April 9,	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter, sight draft, for travelling expenses, - - -	300	00
May 4,	To cash paid John McIntyre's bill, - - -	19	84
	Amount carried forward,	\$1394	15



*Pennsylvania, in account with Franklin Bacon, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

		<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>C.</i>
1854.			
May 9,	By balance per account rendered, -	240	53
" 10,	By cash contribution from St. James' Church, Philadelphia, - - - - -	63	39
" 12,	Do from Grace Church, Mt. Washington, -	69	
" 13,	" St. Luke's Church, Germantown, -	10	00
" 15,	" St. Paul's Church, Philada., -	40	00
" 15,	" St. Stephen's Church, Philada., -	50	00
" 15,	" Church of the Atonement, Philada., -	25	00
" 18,	" St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, -	2	20
	" St. James' Church, Kingsessing, -	6	87
	" St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, -	13	75
	" St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, -	15	55
	" St. James' Church, Lancaster, -	27	00
	" St. John's Church, Carlisle, -	8	00
	" Emmanuel Church, Kensington, -	5	00
	" St. Andrew's Church, West Philada., -	2	75
	" Christ Church, Alleghany, -	8	50
	" St. John's Church, Norristown, -	8	00
	" Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, -	20	00
	" St. Paul's Church, Minerville, -	2	00
	" St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh, -	14	00
	" Grace Church, Honesdale, -	10	00
	" St. Paul's Church, Wellsboro', -	10	00
	" St. Luke's Church, Chartier's Creek, -	5	00
	" Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden, -	12	19
	" St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, -	5	00
	" St. Andrew's Church, Springville, -	3	00
	" Gloria Dei Church, Southwark, -	10	00
	" St. Paul's Church, Montrose, -	7	85
	" St. Matthew's Church, Pike, -	1	21
	" St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, -	2	00
	" St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill, -	2	00
	" St. John's Church, New London, -	2	82
	" Church of the Holy Trinity, Westchester, -	13	70
	" Christ Church, Danville, -	5	63
	" St. Peter's Church, Butler, -	5	05
	" St. Paul's Church, Pittsburgh, -	2	50
	" Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion, -	3	00
	" St. Luke's Church, Scranton, -	5	00
	" Christ Church, Towanda, -	8	00
	" St. James' Church, Muncy, -	23	30
	" Calvary Church, Rockdale, -	5	00
	" St. John's Church, Concord, -	5	00
	" Grace Church, Mt. Washington, -	2	50
	" Trinity Church, Washington, -	5	00
	" St. John's Church, York, -	16	77
	" St. James' Church, Westmoreland, -	60	
	" St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, -	20	00
	" Church of the Ascension, Philada., -	10	00
	" Christ Church, Pottstown, -	3	00
	Amount carried forward, -	\$527	82
		\$240	53

*Dr.**Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in*

		<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>C.</i>
1855. May 4,	To amount brought forward,	1394	15
1855. May 8,	To balance due the Treasurer,	\$79	55
<p>The undersigned have examined the foregoing account, and have compared the vouchers with the entry, and found the same correct.</p> <p>THOMAS ROBINS, } JOHN BOHLEN, } <i>Committee.</i></p> <p><i>Philadelphia, May 8th, 1855.</i></p>			

*Pennsylvania, in account with Franklin Bacon, Treasurer.*

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			Dolls.	C.
1854.				
May 18,	To amounts brought forward,	\$527 82	240	53
	By cash from contributions :			
	From St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven,	5 00		
	“ Christ Church, Reading, - -	16 25		
	“ Church of the Advent, Philada., -	18 65		
	“ Trinity Church, Freeport, - -	2 00		
	“ Trinity Church, Carbondale, - -	5 00		
	“ Christ Church, Greensburg, - -	4 34		
	“ St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, -	7 09		
	“ Trinity Church, Oxford, - -	5 00		
	“ St. James' Church, Pittsburgh, -	7 00		
	“ Calvary Church, Tamaqua, - -	4 00		
	“ Christ Church, New Brighton, -	2 00		
	“ Trinity Church, Pottsville, - -	14 31		
	“ St. Mark's Church, New Milford, -	3 50		
	“ St. Peter's Church, Blairsville, -	2 31		
	“ All Saints' Church, Paradise, - -	5 00		
	“ Christ Church, Leacock, - -	5 00		
	“ St. James' Church, Bristol, - -	2 50		
	“ St. John's Church, Salem, - -	2 66		
	“ Grace Church, Hulmeville, - -	2 00		
	“ St. Luke's Church, Newtown, - -	2 00		
	“ St. James' Church, Perkiomen, - -	2 50		
	“ St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, -	1 50		
	“ St. John's Church, Pequea, - -	6 50		
	“ St. Paul's Church, Columbia, - -	2 00	655	96
	“ St. Luke's Church, Philada., - -		75	00
	“ Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, -		7	52
	“ St. John's Church, Carlisle, - -		8	00
July 5,	“ All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, -		16	85
Oct. 9,	“ All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, -		33	66
Nov. 2,	“ Trinity Church, Southwark, - -		13	80
“ 11,	“ St. Mark's Church, Philada., - -		33	70
1855.				
Jan. 10,	“ Christ Church, Philada., - -		56	41
March 19,	“ All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, -		11	59
April 20,	“ St. Peter's Church, Uniontown, - -		3	00
“ 24,	“ St. Philip's Church, Philada., - -		50	00
May 1,	“ Church of the Atonement, Philada., -		25	00
“ 1,	“ Grace Church, Philada., - -		75	00
“ 4,	“ Trinity Church, Connellsville, - -		1	50
“ 4,	“ St. Paul's Church, Mt. Braddock, -		1	50
“ 8,	“ St. Mark's Church, Northumberland, -		2	15
“ 8,	“ St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, - -		3	43
“ 8,	Balance due the Treasurer, - -		79	55
			\$1394	15
	E. E. FRANKLIN BACON, <i>Treasurer.</i>			
	<i>Philada., May 8th, 1855.</i>			

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Fund for Disabled Clergymen

		Dolls.	C.
1854.			
June, 6,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, one qr. appropriation, due 1st September 1854,	56	00
" 6,	To cash paid for Receipt Book,		62
July 3,	To cash paid Rev. Anson B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	62	50
" 3,	To cash paid Mrs. Rachel Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	25	10
" 3,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	50	00
" 3,	To cash paid Mrs. F. B. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	50	00
" 12,	To cash paid Rev. Samuel T. Lord, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	62	50
" 27,	To cash paid Rev. G. P. Hopkins, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	62	50
Aug. 29,	To cash paid Rev. Norris M. Jones, special appropriation,	100	00
Sept. 11,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, one qr. appropriation, due December 1st,	50	00
" 29,	To cash paid Mrs. Rachel Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due October 1st,	25	00
Oct. 2,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	50	00
" 2,	To cash paid Mrs. F. B. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	50	00
" 4,	To cash paid Rev. Anson B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	62	50
" 21,	To cash paid Rev. George P. Hopkins, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	62	50
Nov. 15,	To cash paid Rev. Peter Russell, special appropriation,	37	50
" 15,	To cash paid Rev. J. A. Bowman, special appropriation,	37	50
Dec. 8,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, one qr. appropriation, due 1st March,	50	00
" 8,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, special appropriation,	50	00
" 30,	To cash paid Rev. Anson B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due January 1st, 1855,	62	50
1855.			
Jan. 2,	To cash paid Mrs. Rachel Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	25	00
" 3,	To cash paid Mrs. F. B. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	50	00
" 3,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	50	00
" 15,	To cash paid Rev. George P. Hopkins, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	62	50
" 27,	To cash paid Rev. Norris M. Jones, special appropriation,	100	00
" 29,	To cash paid discount on uncurrent money,		40
" 30,	To cash paid for \$700 City of Phila. 6 per cent. loan,	636	12
March 3,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, one qr. appropriation, due June 1st,	50	00
" 23,	To cash paid Rev. Anson B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due 1st April,	62	50
Amount carried forward,		\$2037	14

*in account with Franklin Bacon, Treasurer.*

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		<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>C.</i>
1854.			
May 16,	By balance per account rendered, - -	1360	01
" 18,	By contribution from St. James' Church, Lancaster, - - - - -	45	00
	" St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, - -	17	06
	" St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh, - -	33	00
	" Holy Trinity Church, Westchester, - -	19	00
	" St. Luke's Church, Chartier's Creek, - -	5	00
	" Trinity Church, Freeport, - -	4	00
	" St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, - -	7	00
	" St. John's Church, Pequet, - -	5	00
	" St. Peter's Church, Butler, - -	5	50
	" St. John's Church, Carlisle, - -	15	65
Sept. 16,	" Int. on invt. \$1000 City 5 per cent. loan, - -		47 00
Nov. 6,	" contribution from All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, - - - - -	36	42
Dec. 19,	" St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, - -	92	41
" 26,	" St. Peter's Church, " - -	129	00
" 26,	" St. Stephen's Church, " - -	46	36
" 26,	" All Saints' Church, " - -	5	00
" 26,	" Emmanuel Church, Holmesburgh, - -	23	80
" 26,	" St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, - -	95	00
" 27,	" Church of the Messiah, Richmond, - -	5	00
" 27,	" Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia, - -	16	00
" 27,	" St. James' Church, " - -	100	00
" 27,	" St. John's Church, " - -	20	85
" 28,	" Trinity Church, Pottsville, - -	26	31
" 28,	" Christ Church, Williamsport, - -	7	65
" 29,	" Trinity Church, Easton, - -	11	00
" 29,	" Church of the Advent, Philadelphia, - -	30	35
1855.			
Jan. 2,	" Christ Church, Meadville, - -	10	31
" 2,	" Communicants of Easton, per Rev. J. M. Rogers, - - - - -	10	00
" 2,	" Grace Church, Honesdale, - -	15	00
" 2,	" St. Mark's Church, Frankford, - -	20	00
" 2,	" St. David's Church, Manayunk, - -	7	50
" 2,	" St. Mary's Church, West Philadelphia, - -	15	81
" 4,	" St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, - -	24	48
" 4,	" St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, - -	25	00
" 8,	" A Lady, - - - - -	1	00
" 8,	" St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, - -	180	00
" 8,	" St. Peter's Church, Phila., (additional), - -	10	00
" 8,	" Christ Church, Reading, - -	21	14
" 8,	" St. Andrew's Church, Mantua, - -	3	25
" 8,	" Christ Church, Pottstown, - -	8	00
" 10,	" Christ Church, Philadelphia, - -	64	84
" 11,	" St. Paul's Church, Montrose, - -	3	36
" 12,	" Trinity Church, Oxford, - -	8	00
" 16,	" St. James' Church, Perkiomen, - -	5	37
" 19,	" St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, - -	7	50
	Amounts carried forward,	\$1241 92	\$1407 01



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*Fund for Disabled Clergymen*

		Dolls.	C.
1855-			
March 23,	Amount brought forward,	2037	14
" 28,	To cash paid George P. Hopkins, one qr. appropriation, due 1st April,	62	50
April 2,	To cash paid Mrs. Rachel Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	25	00
" 2,	To cash paid Mrs. F. B. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	50	00
" 2,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	50	00
May 5,	To cash paid Rev. H. W. Ducachet, D. D., to pay funeral and other expenses of the late Rev. Robert Davis,	200	00
May 12,	Balance carried down,	425	51
		\$2850	15

*Report of the Trustees of the Christmas Fund.*

The Trustees of the Christmas Fund for Disabled Clergymen, respectfully report, that during the past year they have received \$1490 14, of which \$1406 64, was contributed by fifty-four churches, \$13 by individuals, and \$70 50 interest, on temporary investments in Philadelphia City Loans.

The balance in the Treasurer's hands at the commencement of the fiscal year was \$1360 01. There has been expended since that time, the sum of \$2424 64, leaving \$425 51, to meet the expenses for the remainder of the year. There remains, also, invested, \$1700 in Philadelphia City Loans, as a reserve fund, to meet any sudden and urgent demand.

The benefits of the Trust have been extended to four clergymen, and the widows of three, at an annual expenditure of \$1450, and aid has been afforded to three other clergymen, temporarily disabled from the discharge of their ministerial duties.

WM. H. NEWBOLD, *Secretary*.

*Philadelphia, May 16th, 1855.*

in account with *Franklin Bacon, Treasurer,*

*Cr.*

			<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>C.</i>
1855.				
Jan. 19,	Amounts brought forward,	1241 92	1407	01
" 19,	By contribution from St. Mark's Church,			
	Northumberland, - - -	3 00		
" 25,	" St. Andrew's Church, Springville, -	4 00		
" 29,	" Mrs. Montgomery and Miss Shoemaker,			
	Muncy, - - -	2 00		
" 30,	" St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, -	4 71		
" 30,	" St. James' Church, Muncy, -	7 51		
Feb. 6,	" St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, -	12 00		
" 14,	" Christ Church, Greensburg, -	4 24		
" 14,	" St. John's Church, Bellefonte, -	5 00		
" 22,	" Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, -	106 76		
" 22,	" St. Luke's Church, Chartier's Creek, -	3 50		
" 22,	" Grace Church, Mount Washington, -	3 00		
March 7,	" St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, -	13 00		
" 7,	" St. Peter's Church, Summit Hill, -	9 00	1419	64
May 4,	Interest on investment \$1000 City 5 per cent.			
	loan, - - - - -		23	50
			\$2850	15
May 12,	By balance brought down,		\$425	51

E. & O. E. FRANKLIN BACON, *Treasurer.*  
*Philadelphia, May 12th, 1855.*

We have examined the foregoing account, compared it with the vouchers, and found it correct, the balance in the Treasurer's hands being four hundred and twenty-five dollars and fifty-one cents, and the investment of seventeen hundred dollars in the bonds of the city of Philadelphia.

THOMAS ROBINS, }  
 WM. H. NEWBOLD, } *Committee.*  
*Philadelphia, May 14th, 1855.*

*Dr. The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, C.*

			Dolls.	C.
1854.	<i>Salary paid to BISHOP POTTER.</i>			
Aug. 23,	To cash paid one quarter's salary, due			
	this day, - - -	\$1000 00		
Nov. 23,	To cash paid one quarter's salary, due			
1855.	this day, - - -	1000 00		
Feb. 26,	To cash paid one quarter's salary, due			
	23d inst., - - -	1000 00		
May 8,	To cash paid one quarter's salary, due			
	23d inst., - - -	1000 00	4000 00	
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	<i>INVESTMENTS made by order of the Standing Committee.</i>			
1855.				
May 8,	In Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan certificate for \$750,			
	at 86 $\frac{1}{8}$ - - -		651 56	
" 8,	Balance in Bank of North America - - -		43 86	
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Amount carried forward,				\$4695 42

in account with John Welsh, Treasurer.

Cr.

			Dolls.	C.
1854.				
May 9,	By balance as per act. submitted and accredited this day,			9 61
	<i>Receipts from PARISHES during the year.</i>			
" 12,	St. Luke's Church,	Germantown,	\$10 00	
" 11,	Atonement "	Philadelphia,	50 00	
" 17,	Redemption "	Philadelphia,	2 50	
	St. James' "	Perkiomen,	2 50	
	St. Mark's "	Mauch Chunk	2 00	
	St. Philip's "	Summit Hill	2 00	
	St. Stephen's "	Harrisburg,	22 21	
	St. James' "	Kingsessing,	14 00	
	St. John's "	Carlisle,	10 00	
	St. James' "	Lancaster,	26 30	
	Christ "	Brownsville,	6 65	
	Emmanuel "	Kensington,	18 00	
	St. John's "	Norristown,	8 76	
	St. Andrew's "	West Philada.,	4 25	
	St. Paul's "	Chester,	7 83	
	St. Peter's "	Great Valley,	1 75	
	Trinity "	Pittsburgh,	100 00	
	Grace "	Honesdale,	15 00	
	St. Andrew's "	Pittsburgh,	21 00	
	St. Martin's "	Marcus Hook,	5 00	
	St. John's "	New London,	2 20	
	Nativity "	Philadelphia,	12 19	
	Zion "	Sterling,	1 33	
	St. Thomas' "	Morgantown,	3 00	
" 18,	St. John's "	Pequea,	5 00	
	St. James' "	Bristol,	2 50	
	Advent "	Philadelphia,	18 65	
	Trinity "	Carbondale,	5 00	
	All Saints' "	Lower Dublin,	5 00	
" 20,	St. Paul's "	West Whiteland,	3 48	
" 22,	St. Paul's "	Columbia,	3 00	
June 6,	Christ "	Reading,	17 88	
" 15,	Gloria Dei "	Philadelphia,	10 00	
" 20,	Trinity "	Pottsville,	20 84	
" 27,	Emmanuel "	Holmesburg,	11 75	
July 27,	St. James' "	Muncy,	9 09	
	St. Stephen's "	Wilkesbarre,	20 00	
Aug. 17,	Christ "	Towanda,	10 00	
" 22,	Christ "	Danville,	6 00	
" 27,	St. John's "	Pequea,	5 56	
Nov. 2,	Trinity "	Southwark,	25 00	
" 9,	St. Mark's "	Philadelphia,	71 55	
1855.				
Feb. 1,	St. Mark's "	New Milford,	5 50	
March 22,	St. Paul's "	Chester,	6 61	
April 2,	St. Mark's "	Philadelphia,	64 57	
" 21,	St. Peter's "	Uniontown,	3 00	
May 1,	Atonement "	Philadelphia,	50 00	
Amount carried forward,			728 45	
			\$738 06	

*Dr. The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,*

		<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>C.</i>
1855	Amount brought forward,	\$4695	42
	Amount carried forward,	\$4695	42



in account with John Welsh, Treasurer,

Cr.

			Dolls.	C.
1854.	Amount brought forward,		738	06
	<i>Receipts from INVESTMENTS :</i>			
July 7,	Six months' interest on Philadelphia 6 per cent. R. R. loan, \$400, -	12 00		
	Less state tax, - - -	60		
1855.			11	40
Jan. 12,	Six months' interest on Philadelphia 6 per cent. R. R. loan, \$400, -	12 00		
	Less state tax, - - -	60		
1854.			11	40
Aug. 21,	Six months' interest on \$22,926 26 Penn- sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	573 16		
	Less state tax, - - -	25 10		
1855.			548	06
Feb. 5,	Six months' interest on \$22,926 26 Penn- sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	573 16		
	Less state tax, - - -	25 10		
			548	06
			1118	92
1854.	<i>Receipts from the A. DOZ LEGACY :</i>			
Aug. 27,	Six months' interest on \$1991 67 Penn- sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	49 79		
	Less state tax, - - -	2 48		
1855.			47	31
Feb. 5,	Six months' interest on \$1991 67 Penn- sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	49 79		
	Less state tax, - - -	2 48		
1854.			47	31
Nov. 18,	McCall's Ground Rent, 1 year, due August 1, - - -	12 00		
	Less taxes, - - -	3 00		
1855.			9	00
May 7,	William Stewart's Ground Rent, 1 year, due February 1st, - - -	144 00		
			247	62
	<i>Receipts from the KOHNE LEGACY :</i>			
1854,				
July 7,	Six months' interest on \$4600 Philadel- phia 6 per cent. R. R. loan, -	138 00		
	Less state tax, - - -	6 90		
1855.			131	10
Jan. 12,	Six months' interest on \$4600 Philadel- phia 6 per cent. R. R. loan, -	138 00		
	Less state tax, - - -	6 90		
			131	10
May 8,	Twelve months' interest on \$150 Penn- sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	7 50		
	Less state tax, - - -	30		
			7	20
			269	40
	Amount carried forward,		\$2374	00

*Dr. The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,*

		<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>C.</i>
1855.	Amount brought forward,	4695	42
	Amount carried forward,	\$4695	42

in account with John Welsh, Treasurer,

Cr.

			Dolls.	C.
	Amount brought forward,		\$2374	00
	<i>Receipts from the PILMORE LEGACY, through</i>			
1874.	<i>R. R. Montgomery, Esq., Treasurer :</i>			
Aug. 2,	Six months' interest on \$7950 48 Penn-			
	sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	198	76	
	Less state tax, -	9	94	
1855.			188	82
Feb. 1,	Six months' interest on \$7950 48 Penn-			
	sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	198	76	
	Less state tax, -	9	94	
			188	82
				377 64
	<i>Receipts from the HUTCHINS' LEGACY, through</i>			
1854.	<i>R. R. Montgomery, Esq., Treasurer :</i>			
Aug. 2,	Six months' interest on \$1880 58 Penn-			
	sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	47	01	
	Less state tax, -	2	35	
1855.			44	66
Feb. 1,	Six months' interest on \$1880 58 Penn-			
	sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	47	02	
	Less state tax, -	2	35	
			44	67
				89 33
	<i>Receipts from the LOAN IN AID OF THE FUND FOR THE</i>			
	<i>SUPPORT OF THE EPISCOPATE IN PENNSYLVANIA,</i>			
1854.	<i>through R. R. Montgomery, Esq., Treasurer.</i>			
June 12,	Six months' interest on mortgage on			
	P. E. Academy, \$2500, -	75	00	
	Six months' interest on Lehigh mort-			
	gage 6 per cent. loan, \$1495 36, -	44	86	
			119	86
	Less proportion paid Bishop H. U. On-			
	derdonk, -	23	97	
			95	89
Aug. 2,	Six months' interest on \$3474 81, Penn-			
	sylvania 5 per cent loan, -	86	87	
	Less state tax, -	4	34	
1855.			82	53
Feb. 3,	Six months' interest on \$3474 81, Penn-			
	sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	86	87	
	Less state tax, -	4	34	
1854.			82	53
Aug. 2	Six months' interest on \$2824 86, Penn-			
	sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	70	62	
	Less state tax, -	3	53	
			67	09
	Less proportion paid Bishop H. U. On-			
	derdonk, -	14	12	
			52	97
	Amounts carried forward,	\$313	92	\$2840 97



in account with John Welsh, Treasurer,

Cr.

			Dolls.	C.
1855.	Amounts brought forward,	\$313 92	\$2840	97
Feb. 1,	Six months' interest on \$2824 86, Penn-			
	sylvania 5 per cent. loan, -	70 62		
	Less state tax, -	3 53		
		<u>67 09</u>		
	Six months' interest on \$1495 36 Lehigh			
	mortgage 6 per cent. loan, -	44 86		
		<u>111 95</u>		
	Less proportion paid Bishop H. U. On-			
	derdonk, -	21 42		
		<u>90 53</u>	404	45
1854.	SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS in aid of the BISHOP'S SALARY.			
May 10,	St. James' Church, Philadelphia,	150 00		
Nov. 21,	St. Stephen's " "	150 00		
Dec. 14,	Epiphany, " "	150 00		
" 26,	Grace, " "	150 00		
" 30,	St. Andrew's, " "	150 00		
1855.				
Jan. 10,	Christ, " "	150 00		
" 19,	St. Paul's, " "	150 00		
Feb. 8,	St. Luke's, " "	150 00		
" 24,	St. Philip's, " "	100 00		
May 8,	St. Peter's, " "	150 00		
		<u>1450</u>	00	
	Amount carried forward,		\$4695	42

Dr.

*The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,*

		<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>C.</i>
1855.	Amount brought forward,	\$4695	42
		\$4695	42
<p>The subscribers, appointed by the Standing Committee, do certify that they have examined the foregoing account and found it correct; they have also examined the certificates of stock in which the fund is invested, and found that they amount to twenty-three thousand six hundred and seventy-six dollars and twenty-six cents of Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, and four hundred dollars of Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan belonging to the "Episcopal Fund," and four thousand six hundred dollars Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan, and one hundred and fifty dollars Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan belonging to the "Kohne Legacy."</p> <p>\$23,676 26 Penns. 5 per cent. loan.  400 00 Philada. City R. R. 6 per cent. loan.</p> <hr/> <p>\$24,076 26 Episcopal Fund.</p> <hr/> <p>\$4600 00 Philada. City R. R. 6 per cent. loan.  150 00 Penna. 5 per cent. loan.</p> <hr/> <p>\$4750 00 Kohne Legacy.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">THOMAS ROBINS, }  JOHN BOHLEN, } <i>Committee.</i>  <i>Philadelphia, May 9th, 1855.</i></p>			



in account with John Welsh, Treasurer,

Cr.

		Dolls.	C.
1855.	Amounts brought forward,	4695	42
May 8,	By balance in Bank of North America,	4695	42
		43	86
	E. & O. E. JOHN WELSH, Treasurer. Philadelphia May 8th, 1855.		
	<p>The "Episcopal Fund" of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, consists of twenty-three thousand six hundred and seventy-six dollars twenty six cents, in Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, four hundred dollars in Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan, and forty-three dollars eighty-six cents in Bank of North America; and the "Kohne Legacy" of four thousand six hundred dollars in Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan, and one hundred and fifty dollars in Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan. During the year the investment for the Episcopal Fund has been increased by the purchase, under the orders of the Standing Committee, of seven hundred and fifty dollars Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan.</p> <p>\$23,676 26 Penna. 5 per cent. loan. 400 00 Philada. City R. R. 6 per cent. loan.</p> <p><u>\$24,076 26 Episcopal Fund.</u></p> <p>\$4,600 00 Philada. City R. R. 6 per cent. loan. 150 00 Penna. 5 per cent. loan.</p> <p><u>\$4,750 00 Kohne Legacy.</u></p> <p>JAMES S. SMITH, } G. M. WHARTON, } Trustees of the JOHN WELSH, } Episcopal Fund. THOMAS ROBINS, }</p> <p>Philad., May 9, 1855.</p>		

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.\*

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Report of the Rev. Henry H. Bean, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg.

Baptisms, adults 5, infants 15, total 20; confirmed 5; communicants, added 14, removed 6, present number 74; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 102, other days 32, total 134; Sunday Schools 2, teachers 8, pupils 50, infant school, teacher 1, pupils 40, total, teachers 9, pupils 90; collections, Episcopal Fund \$14 57, Convention Fund \$15, Diocesan Missions \$52 70, Missionary and other purposes \$1644 14, total \$1726 41.

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish, a lot on which to erect a parsonage; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$800; arrears of salary \$120.

For various reasons the building of a parsonage mentioned in my last report, was postponed. A contract has now been made and the work commenced; the building is to be finished by the 1st of October ensuing. The cost of the building, pavements, fences and everything complete will be \$3500.

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Report of the Rev. Dudley A. Tyng, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, for the year ending May 12th, 1855.

Congregation, number of families not fully ascertained, supposed to be 300; baptisms, adults 6, infants 40, total 46; confirmed 47; marriages 13; burials 26; Sunday Schools, male teachers 27, scholars 277, female 33, scholars 370, total teachers 60, scholars 647; benevolent contributions \$6,951 66; salary \$3000, by the kindness of the Treasurer paid monthly in advance, an example worthy of universal imitation.

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Report of the Rev. J. S. Hildebrand, Rector of St. John's Church, Bellefonte.

Within the past year there have been in this parish 6 baptisms; 4 persons confirmed; 2 marriages; communicants, added 3, present number 41; burials 2; public services, 2 nearly every Sunday, and a

\* Received too late for their proper place.

week-day service for the greater part of the year, though during part of the winter months it was suspended; children frequently catechized and addressed in the school-room; Sunday School constant throughout the year, about 35 scholars with 4 teachers; collections have occasionally been taken up, but the church having been unfit for use for much the greater part of the year the communion was but rarely administered. I do not know the amount.

A tower has been added to the Church, and it has been papered and painted during the past year. The parish owes no debt; the improvements in the church have been all paid for, and the Rector has received more than his stipulated salary for the year ending May 1, 1855.

The Ladies' Sewing Society is rendering efficient aid to the parish. The work of the Lord had been well nigh entirely suspended for a whole 12 months previous to my taking charge of the parish, so that much lost ground in a parish feeble at best, had to be recovered; but the Rector thinks he sees the finger of God in a revived interest in its Sunday School and other concerns.

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Report of the Rev. A. A. Marple, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wellsboro'.

Number of communicants 77, thirteen of this number live in or near the villages upon the Tioga river; there have been 11 funerals; 5 infant baptisms; 1 marriage; collection for Bible Society \$18, Col. Society \$10, Poor \$7, Sunday School \$8. The church has been repaired and other expenses provided for at the cost of \$250.

The Sunday School has upon its list about 50 scholars and 5 teachers, the Rector teaches a Bible class and superintends the school. The great trouble is in getting enough teachers; those we have are good.

Services as usual, prayers and lecture twice a week during Lent, and three services upon every Sunday. Upon three Sundays of every month a third service has been held in school-houses a few miles distant from the village. On the last Sunday of the month after morning service in Wellsboro', I have preached in the afternoon at Tioga and in Lawrenceville in the evening, a place 25 miles distant. Of late I have discontinued my visits to Lawrenceville, and instead of going there preach in Middlebury where I have made three visits. In all these places I generally find good and attentive congregations. I have also preached once at Austin, once in Covington, once in Lycoming County upon Pine Creek, once in Block House.

Church property; Church and Rectory and the lots upon which they are built, all in decent condition and without debt.

MARCH 8th, 1854.

NOTICE TO PERSONS WHO HAVE IN CONTEMPLATION THE MINISTRY  
OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Under the Canons of the General Convention, or their own rules, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, require from persons applying to them for the testimonials which are pre-requisite to CANDIDATESHIP for the Diaconate,

1. Written evidence that they have given to the Bishop, notice of their intention. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 1.

2. A certificate from one Presbyter and four laymen. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 2.

3. When an abridgment of time, on the ground of having exercised the ministry in another denomination, is desired, two additional testimonials, Canon VII., of 1838, Sections 3 and 4.

From persons applying to them for the testimonials which are pre-requisite to ORDINATION to the *Diaconate*, the Standing Committee require,

1. The certificate of the minister and Vestry. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

Or,

If the parish is without a minister, (which circumstance must be attested,) the above mentioned certificate signed by the vestry alone. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

Or,

If there is no vestry of the parish, or, from peculiar circumstances not affecting character, no possibility of procuring testimonials from the minister and vestry of the parish, (which facts must be attested) the certificate above mentioned, signed by twelve respectable Episcopalians. Canon XV., of 1832, Sections 2 and 3.

Or,

In certain cases, the above mentioned certificate, altered as to time. Canon VII., of 1838, Sect. 4.

2. The certificate of a Presbyter. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

3 In the case of an individual desiring the consent of the committee to his ordination before the expiration of his three years of candidateship, evidence that the Bishop deems such abridgment of time expedient. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 7.

From persons applying to them for the testimonials which are prerequisite to ORDINATION to the PRIESTHOOD, the Standing Committee require,

1. & 2. The first and second of the certificates which are mentioned above, as required from individuals applying for the testimonials prerequisite to ordination to the Diaconate, with the *exception* that the papers may cover only so much time as has intervened between the Deacon's ordination and his application for Priest's Orders. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 5.

3. In the case of a Deacon desiring to be ordained to the Priesthood within less than one year from his ordination to the diaconate, a notification by the Bishop concerning the case. Canon VIII., of 1832. Resolution of Standing Committee, May 3, 1853.

4. Evidence of an academical degree or of satisfactory examination by Presbyters, unless this evidence was filed with this Committee on the individual's applying for his first testimonials. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 3.

5. When a dispensation is desired, a certificate of extraordinary qualities, unless this certificate was filed with this Committee on the individual's applying for his first testimonials. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 4.

The Standing Committee meet statdly on the first Tuesday of every month.

They require that a testimonial, coming from a vestry, bear on its face that it was subscribed in vestry-meeting.

They construe the Canons *strictly*.

Application to be recommended for admission to Candidateship for the Diaconate, lie over one month.

By order of the Standing Committee.

G. EMLLEN HARE,	}	<i>Sub Committee.</i>
H. J. MORTON,		
JOHN A. VAUGHAN,		

## FORM OF THE CERTIFICATE OF LAY DEPUTIES TO CONVENTION.

It is hereby certified, that at a meeting of the Vestry of Church, in the county of , held on the day of 18 , Mr. was duly elected a lay deputy to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, to be held in , on the day of next; and that the said deputy is now, and has also been for not less than the six calendar months next before his election, a worshipper in the said Church.

Dated this of , 18

} Wardens.  
 }  
 } Vestrymen.

N. B.—If more than one deputy be chosen, a certificate in the above form may be given to each, or which is better, the names of all may be included in one certificate, varying the language accordingly.

The attention of Wardens and Vestrymen is called to the following Canon of the Edition of 1851 :

## CANON XI.

*Of the Evidence of Appointment of the Lay Deputies to the Convention.*

The appointment of Lay Deputies to the Convention of this Diocese shall be certified in writing by a Warden or two Vestrymen of the proper Church ; and the certificate shall state that the deputy or each deputy named in it, if the certificate be for more than one, is, and has also been for not less than six months before the time of his election a worshipper in the Church he is deputed to represent. And no other certificate or evidence of the appointment of any lay deputy or deputies to the Convention of this Diocese shall be allowed or received. The certificate shall be in duplicate, and one copy forwarded to the Secretary of the Convention, the other given to the lay deputies.



## FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

*To the Rt. Rev.*

*Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.*

Report of the parish of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, in \_\_\_\_\_, in  
the county of \_\_\_\_\_, for the year ending May 1st, 18\_\_\_\_

CONGREGATION. Families,       ; Adults,       ; children,       ; total       .

BAPTISMS. Adults, ; Infants, ; total,

CONFIRMED,

COMMUNICANTS. Added,       ; Died or removed,       ; present number       .

MARRIAGES, .

BURIALS, .

PUBLIC SERVICES. On Sundays, ; other days, ; total, .

CHILDREN CATECHIZED, ; Times, .

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Male, ; Teachers, ; Pupils, .

“ Female, ; Teachers, ; Pupils, .

“ Infant, ; Teachers, ; Pupils, .

BIBLE CLASSES, ; Members, .

COLLECTIONS. Episcopal Fund, \$       ; Convention Fund, \$       ;  
Soc. Adv. of Christianity, \$       ; Diocesan Missionary Society, \$       ;  
Missionary and other purposes, \$       ; total, \$       .

STATISTICS OF PARISH. See Journal of 1849,—pp. 51-2,—as follows :

Property other than the church building and lot owned by the Parish,

Amount of indebtedness of the Church of the parish,

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive,

Arrears of salary, if any,

